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## SUMMARY

A wind-tunnel investigation was made at free-stream Mach numbers from 1.70 to 2.86 to determine the effects of fixed and free-rolling tail-fin afterbodies on the static longitudinal and lateral aerodynamic characteristics of a cruciform canard-controlled missile model. The effect of small canard roll- and yaw-control deflections was also investigated.

The results indicate that the fixed and free-rolling tail configurations have about the same lift-curve slope and longitudinal stability level at low angles of attack. For the free-rolling tail configuration, the canards provide conventional roll control with no roll-control reversal at low angles of attack. The free-rolling tail configuration reduced induced roll due to model roll angle and canard yaw control.

## INTRODUCTION

It is well documented that missile configurations which utilize forward surfaces to provide control experience the problem of induced rolling moments at supersonic Mach numbers. One approach to the solution of this problem, which is described in reference 1, uses a free-rolling tail-fin afterbody on a canard-controlled missile model to reduce induced rolling moments.

The idea of using free-rolling tail fins is not new. From 1950 to 1960, the NASA and its predecessor, NACA, investigated a number of roll-control devices in free flight as part of their aerodynamic control research program for missiles and airplanes. For some of these tests, a free-rolling tail-fin assembly was used on the missile airframes, not only to stabilize the models longitudinally but also to eliminate unwanted, induced rolling moments that were generated by the various roll controls under investigation (e.g., ref. 2). In many cases, the free-rolling tails were on nonmaneuvering missile systems (e.g., boost-glide trajectories at low angles of attack). More recently (1960 to 1973), the U.S. Navy has conducted research on bomb-shaped bodies (free-fall stores) with free-rolling tail fins (refs. 3 and 4) as a means of reducing dispersion and of increasing accuracy by eliminating the effect of flow asymmetries over the tail fins.

The present investigation was conducted to provide some insight into the effectiveness of the free-rolling tail concept for the reduction or elimination of large induced rolling moments that are generally experienced by maneuvering canard-controlled missile configurations at supersonic speeds. In an effort to reduce or eliminate these induced rolling moments, an experimental wind-tunnel investigation has been made to determine the effect of a free-rolling (no fin cant) cruciform tail on the stability and control characteristics of a canard-controlled missile. The results of a similar test conducted by the U.S. Navy with canted free-rolling tail fins can be found in reference 5. The rolling tail concept also offers the potential of enabling the canards to provide some

measure of roll control, either increased roll-damping or roll-attitude control at low angles of attack. There is a growing need to give canard-controlled missile configurations more simplicity and modular flexibility. The free-rolling tail concept may satisfy these requirements by allowing a missile configuration to have a single control system utilizing a cruciform canard control system for pitch, yaw, and roll control.

The tests were conducted in the Langley Unitary Plan wind tunnel at Mach numbers from 1.70 to 2.86. The nominal angle-of-attack range was $-3^{\circ}$ to $25^{\circ}$ at model (canard) roll angles of $0^{\circ}$ to $45^{\circ}$ and at a Reynolds number of $6.6 \times 10^6$ per meter ($2.0 \times 10^6$ per foot). Results of these tests include the effects of small roll- and yaw-control deflections of the canards on the longitudinal and lateral aerodynamic characteristics of the model with a fixed and free-rolling tail-fin afterbody.

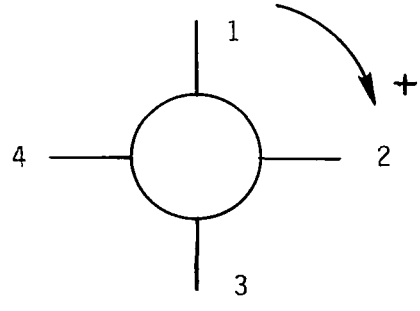
## SYMBOLS

The aerodynamic coefficient data are referred to the body-axis system except for lift and drag which are referred to the stability-axis system. The moment reference was located aft of the model nose at 49.0 percent of the reference body length.

Measurements and calculations were made in the U.S. Customary Units. Measurements are presented in the International System of Units (SI), with the equivalent values given parenthetically in U.S. Customary Units (ref. 6).

| | |
|---|---|
| $A$ | reference area; maximum cross-sectional area of body, 0.003425 $m^2$ (0.036870 $ft^2$) |
| $C_A$ | axial-force coefficient, Axial force/qA |
| $C_{A,b}$ | base axial-force coefficient, Base axial force/qA |
| $C_D$ | drag coefficient, Drag/qA |
| $C_{D,b}$ | base drag coefficient, Base drag/qA |
| $C_L$ | lift coefficient, Lift/qA |
| $C_{L_\alpha}$ | lift-curve slope, per degree |
| $C_l$ | rolling-moment coefficient, Rolling moment/qAd |
| $C_m$ | pitching-moment coefficient, Pitching moment/qA$l$ |
| $C_N$ | normal-force coefficient, Normal force/qA |
| $C_n$ | yawing-moment coefficient, Yawing moment/qAd |
| $C_Y$ | side-force coefficient, Side force/qA |

| | |
|---|---|
| $d$ | reference diameter, 6.604 cm (2.600 in.) |
| $l$ | reference body length, 99.060 cm (39.000 in.) |
| M | Mach number |
| q | free-stream dynamic pressure, $N/m^2$ (psfa) |
| $\alpha$ | angle of attack, deg |
| $\delta_{roll}$ | differential deflections of two canards (canards 2 and 4, shown in sketch (a)) for roll control; individual canards are deflected indicated amount; negative to provide counterclockwise rotation when viewed from rear, deg |
| $\delta_{yaw}$ | yaw-control deflection of two canards (canards 1 and 3, shown in sketch (a)); positive for leading edge right when viewed from rear, deg |
| $\phi_c$ | model roll angle; positive clockwise when viewed from rear (for $\phi_c = 0^o$, canards are in vertical and horizontal planes), deg |
| $\dot{\phi}_{tail}$ | roll rate of tail-fin afterbody; positive clockwise when viewed from rear, rpm |
| $\partial C_m/\partial C_L$ | static longitudinal stability parameter |




Sketch (a)

## APPARATUS AND TESTS

### Wind Tunnel

The investigation was conducted in the low Mach number test section of the Langley Unitary Plan wind tunnel, which is a variable-pressure, continuous-flow facility. The test section is approximately 2.13 m (7 ft) long and 1.22 m (4 ft) square. The nozzle leading to the test section is of the asymmetric sliding-block type, which permits a continuous variation in Mach number from about 1.5 to 2.9. (See ref. 7.)

### Model

Dimensional details of the model are shown in figure 1(a) and a model photograph is shown in figure 2. The model was a cruciform missile configuration that consisted of a cylindrical body with canards, aft tail fins, and a tangent ogive nose of fineness ratio 3.0. The complete model body had a fineness ratio of 15. The canards and tail fins had slab cross sections with beveled leading and trailing edges. In order for the model to have a free-rolling tail-fin assembly, the tail-fin afterbody was mounted on a set of low-friction ball bearings and was free to rotate through 360° (lock screw out). For the fixed-tail configuration (lock screw in), the tail fins were locked in line with the canards. For both the fixed and free-rolling tail configurations, the canards were deflected to provide roll control and yaw control. The tail fins were not deflected (zero cant angle) and the tail-fin assembly had no braking system.

### Test Conditions

Tests were performed at the following tunnel conditions:

| Mach number | Stagnation temperature | | Stagnation pressure | | Reynolds number | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | K | °F | kPa | psfa | per meter | per foot |
| 1.70 | 339 | 150 | 56.4 | 1178 | $6.6 \times 10^6$ | $2.0 \times 10^6$ |
| 2.16 | 339 | 150 | 68.5 | 1430 | 6.6 | 2.0 |
| 2.36 | 339 | 150 | 75.7 | 1580 | 6.6 | 2.0 |
| 2.86 | 339 | 150 | 98.4 | 2056 | 6.6 | 2.0 |

The dewpoint temperature measured at stagnation pressure was maintained below 239 K (-30° F) to assure negligible condensation effects. All tests were performed with boundary-layer transition strips measured streamwise on both sides of the canards and tail fins and located 3.05 cm (1.20 in.) aft of the body nose and 1.02 cm (0.40 in.) aft of the leading edges. The transition strips were approximately 0.157 cm wide (0.062 in.) and were composed of No. 50 sand grains sprinkled in acrylic plastic. (See ref. 8.)

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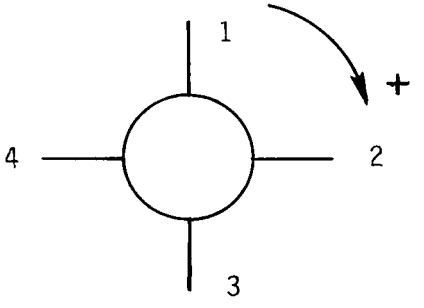
Canards




$\phi_c = 0^o$

Rear view

Sketch (a)

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The primary method for controlling tail-fin rotational speed was by limiting the model angle of attack. In the early stages of this test program, tail-fin rotational speed was nominally limited to 200 rpm as a safety precaution; however, this limit was extended to 500 rpm as more confidence was gained. In order to satisfy these limits, only small canard deflections were made.

## Measurements

Aerodynamic forces and moments on the model were measured by means of a six-component electrical strain-gage balance which was housed within the model. The balance was attached to a sting which was, in turn, rigidly fastened to the model support system. Balance-chamber pressure (base pressure) was measured by means of a single static-pressure orifice located in the vicinity of the balance. One light-emitting diode with a photo-transistor receiver pick-up mounted on the sting was used in conjunction with a color-coded ring at the base of the model to record tail-fin afterbody revolutions. The accuracy of this recording system was ±20 rpm. No attempt was made to measure the afterbody torque that was produced by the internal ball-bearing friction, viscous-layer skin friction, or aerodynamic damping.

## Corrections

The angles of attack have been corrected for deflection of the balance and sting due to aerodynamic loads. In addition, angles of attack have been corrected for tunnel-flow misalignment. The drag and axial-force coefficient data have been adjusted to free-stream static pressure acting over the model base. Typical measured values of base axial-force and drag coefficients are presented in figure 3.

## PRESENTATION OF RESULTS

## DISCUSSION

### Longitudinal Aerodynamic Characteristics

The longitudinal aerodynamic characteristics of the model with zero control deflection are presented in figures 4 and 5 for $\phi_c = 0^o$ and 45°, respectively. In general, at low angles of attack ($\alpha \leq 4^o$), both the fixed and free-rolling tail configurations have about the same lift-curve slope $C_{L_\alpha}$ and stability level $\partial C_m/\partial C_L$. At the higher angles of attack for $\phi_c = 0^o$, the free-rolling tail configuration has more nonlinear pitching-moment coefficient characteristics with a slight pitch-up tendency and, in general, less restoring moment than the fixed-tail configuration. These aerodynamic differences between the two configurations for the $\phi_c = 45^o$ case (fig. 5) are less pronounced, with the pitching-moment curves becoming more nearly linear with increases in Mach number for the free-rolling tail configuration. However, the fixed-tail configuration now exhibits the pitch-up tendency that characterized the free-rolling tail configuration at $\phi_c = 0^o$. This pitch-up trend is typical for a missile with cruciform tail fins in the ×-position ($\phi_c = 45^o$) at supersonic speeds. Flow-field effects, in conjunction with adverse panel-to-panel interference between the windward and leeward tail-fin surfaces, result in a small overall reduction in tail lift capability. This loss of lift for the fixed-tail configuration ($\phi_c = 45^o$) can be seen in the lift-coefficient curves presented in figure 5 and for the free-rolling tail configuration at $\phi_c = 0^o$ in figure 4. Visual observation has shown that for $\phi_c = 0^o$, the free-rolling tail fins are generally interdigitated to the canards (×-position) when rotation stops and are therefore in a similar flow environment as the fixed-tail case when $\phi_c = 45^o$. This loss in tail lift would account for the pitch-up tendency.

yaw-control capability than the fixed-tail configuration. Again, the aero lockup is delayed to higher angles of attack. (See table IV.)

## CONCLUSIONS

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1. The fixed and free-tail configurations have about the same lift-curve slope and longitudinal stability level at low angles of attack.

2. For the free-rolling tail configuration, the canards provide conventional roll control with no roll-control reversal at low angles of attack.

3. The free-rolling tail configuration reduced induced roll due to model roll angle and canard yaw control.

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TABLE I.- SUMMARY OF TEST DATA FROM FREE-ROLLING TAIL CONFIGURATION WITH ZERO CONTROL DEFLECTION

| M | $\alpha$, deg | $\phi_c$, deg | Tail-fin roll rate, rpm[a] Counterclockwise | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1.70 | -1.9 | 0 | 115 | |
| | -.8 | | 122 | |
| | 0 | | 115 | |
| | 1.2 | | 127 | |
| | 2.2 | | 97 | |
| | 4.4 | | 88 | |
| | 6.6 | | 80 | |
| | 8.9 | | 0 | Stopped rolling |
| | 11.1 | | 0 | Aero lockup |
| | 13.5 | | 0 | Very small oscillation angle |
| | ↓ | | | |
| | 17.9 | | 0 | |
| 1.70 | -2.0 | 26.6 | 108 | |
| | -.5 | | 133 | |
| | -.1 | | 121 | |
| | 1.1 | | 127 | |
| | 2.1 | | 116 | |
| | 4.5 | | 12 | Rotated very slowly |
| | 6.6 | | 116 | Roll rate apparently increasing with $\alpha$ |
| 1.70 | -2.4 | 45 | 105 | |
| | -.9 | | 112 | |
| | 0 | | 123 | |
| | .9 | | 112 | |
| | 2.2 | | 124 | |
| | 4.4 | | 0 | Stopped rolling |
| | 6.5 | | 0 | Very small oscillation angle |
| | 8.8 | | 21 | Rotated very slowly |
| | ↓ | | | |
| | 17.8 | | 0 | Aero lockup |
| 2.16 | -1.2 | 0 | 120 | |
| | .1 | | 114 | |
| | 1.0 | | 112 | |
| | 2.2 | | 110 | |
| | 3.3 | | 96 | |
| | 5.5 | | 75 | |
| | 7.7 | | 0 | Stopped rolling; aero lockup |
| | ↓ | | | |
| | 24.7 | | 0 | |

[a]When viewed from the rear.

TABLE I.- Continued

| M | $\alpha$, deg | $\phi_c$, deg | Tail-fin roll rate, rpm[a] | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Counterclockwise | |
| 2.16 | -1.0 | 26.4 | 121 | |
| | -.1 | | 122 | |
| | .9 | | 130 | |
| | 2.1 | | 107 | |
| | 3.2 | | 96 | |
| | 5.4 | | 0 | Stopped rolling |
| | 7.5 | | 0 | |
| | 7.8 | | 199 | Roll rate apparently increasing with $\alpha$ |
| 2.16 | -1.4 | 45 | 100 | |
| | -.1 | | 104 | |
| | 1.0 | | 99 | |
| | 2.1 | | 100 | |
| | 3.2 | | 87 | |
| | 5.4 | | 0 | Stopped rolling |
| | 7.5 | | 0 | |
| | 9.9 | | 114 | Started rolling |
| | 12.0 | | 128 | |
| | 14.1 | | 195 | Roll rate increasing with $\alpha$ |
| 2.36 | -1.5 | 0 | 143 | |
| | -.2 | | 129 | |
| | .9 | | 83 | |
| | 2.0 | | 78 | |
| | 2.9 | | 72 | |
| | 5.2 | | 37 | |
| | 7.3 | | 27 | |
| | 9.6 | | 0 | Stopped rolling; aero lockup |
| | ↓ | | | |
| | 23.7 | | 0 | Large oscillation angle |
| 2.36 | -1.5 | 26.6 | 80 | |
| | 0 | | 94 | |
| | .9 | | 98 | |
| | 2.0 | | 61 | |
| | 3.1 | | 0 | Stopped rolling |
| | 5.3 | | 0 | |
| | 7.4 | | 194 | Roll rate apparently increasing with $\alpha$ |

[a]When viewed from the rear.

TABLE I.- Continued

| M | $\alpha$, deg | $\phi_c$, deg | Tail-fin roll rate, rpm[a] | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Counterclockwise | |
| 2.36 | -1.0 | 45 | 56 | |
| | .3 | | 70 | |
| | 1.3 | | 100 | |
| | 2.4 | | 56 | |
| | 3.5 | | 54 | |
| | 5.6 | | 0 | Stopped rolling |
| | 7.7 | | 33 | Started rolling |
| | 9.9 | | 118 | Roll rate increasing with $\alpha$ |
| | 12.0 | | 161 | |
| | 14.4 | | 167 | |
| | 16.5 | | 122 | |
| | 18.7 | | 0 | Stopped rolling; aero lockup |
| | ↓ | | | |
| | 23.8 | | 0 | |
| 2.86 | -2.9 | 0 | 23 | Low roll rates |
| | -1.6 | | 71 | |
| | -.5 | | 64 | |
| | .7 | | 62 | |
| | 1.8 | | 36 | |
| | 3.8 | | 0 | Stopped rolling; aero lockup |
| | ↓ | | | |
| | 22.0 | | 0 | |
| 2.86 | -2.8 | 26.5 | 33 | |
| | -1.5 | | 49 | |
| | -.6 | | 51 | |
| | .6 | | 0 | Oscillated; 2 or 3 revolutions |
| | 1.8 | | 50 | Started rolling |
| | 3.7 | | 0 | Stopped rolling |
| | 5.9 | | 0 | |
| | 8.0 | | 131 | Started rolling |
| | 10.0 | | 0 | Stopped rolling |
| | 11.5 | | 230 | Roll rate apparently increasing with $\alpha$ |

[a]When viewed from the rear.

TABLE I.- Concluded

| M | $\alpha$, deg | $\phi_c$, deg | Tail-fin roll rate, rpm[a] | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Counterclockwise | |
| 2.86 | -2.5 | 45 | 27 | Low roll rates |
| | -1.5 | | 51 | |
| | -.5 | | 93 | |
| | .7 | | 50 | |
| | 1.7 | | 0 | Stopped rolling |
| | 3.9 | | 0 | Small oscillation angle |
| | 5.9 | | 0 | |
| | 8.1 | | 75 | Started rolling |
| | 10.3 | | 120 | Steady rolling |
| | 12.6 | | 124 | |
| | 14.6 | | 0 | Stopped rolling |
| | 17.0 | | 0 | |
| | 19.1 | | 0 | |
| | 20.2 | | 157 | Started rolling |

[a]When viewed from the rear.

TABLE II.- SUMMARY OF TEST DATA FROM FREE-ROLLING TAIL CONFIGURATION WITH CANARD OFF

| M | $\alpha$, deg | $\phi_c$, deg | Tail-fin roll rate, rpm[a] | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Clockwise | |
| 1.70 | -2.0 | 0 | 54 | Very low roll rates |
| | -.9 | | 37 | |
| | 0 | | 39 | |
| | 1.0 | | 46 | |
| | 2.1 | | 47 | |
| | 4.0 | | 31 | |
| | 6.0 | | 31 | |
| | 8.0 | | 0 | Stopped and started to roll |
| | 10.0 | | 0 | |
| | 12.1 | | 30 | |
| | 14.2 | | 28 | |
| | 16.4 | | 26 | Aero lockup |
| 2.16 | -1.6 | 0 | 33 | Very low and steady roll rates |
| | -.9 | | 34 | |
| | -.1 | | 31 | |
| | 1.0 | | 47 | |
| | 2.0 | | 20 | |
| | 3.0 | | 30 | |
| | 5.0 | | 23 | |
| | 7.0 | | 0 | Stopped rolling |
| | 9.1 | | 0 | Stopped; started for several revolutions at a very slow rate |
| | 11.3 | | 0 | |
| | 13.4 | | 26 | Stopped; started; oscillated |
| | ↓ | | | |
| | 23.2 | | 27 | Rolled hesitantly and irregularly |

[a]When viewed from the rear.

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|---|---|---|---|---|
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| | -.3 | | 47 | |
| | .8 | | 86 | |
| | 1.8 | | 52 | |
| | 2.8 | | 102 | |
| | 4.9 | | 88 | |
| | 6.9 | | 45 | Stopped; started; and oscillated |
| | 9.0 | | 0 | Rolled hesitantly and irregularly |
| | ↓ | | | |
| | 23.0 | | 42 | |
| 2.86 | -2.5 | 0 | 39 | Low roll rates |
| | ↓ | | | |
| | 5.6 | | 28 | |
| | 7.8 | | 0 | Stopped rolling |
| | 9.8 | | 0 | Oscillated through small angle |
| | ↓ | | | |
| | 21.6 | | 0 | |

[a]When viewed from the rear.

TABLE III.- SUMMARY OF TEST DATA FROM FREE-ROLLING TAIL CONFIGURATION WITH TWO CANARDS DIFFERENTIALLY DEFLECTED 0.5° EACH FOR NEGATIVE ROLL CONTROL

| M | $\alpha$, deg | $\phi_c$, deg | Tail-fin roll rate, rpm[a] | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Clockwise | |
| 1.70 | -2.2 | 0 | 98 | |
| | -1.1 | | 96 | |
| | 0 | | 90 | |
| | 1.2 | | 100 | |
| | 2.4 | | 114 | |
| | 4.5 | | 123 | |
| | 6.6 | | 131 | |
| | 8.9 | | 97 | |
| | 11.1 | | 0 | Stopped rolling; aero lockup |
| | ↓ | | | |
| | 17.9 | | 0 | Small oscillation angle |
| 1.70 | -2.3 | 45 | 102 | |
| | -1.3 | | 81 | |
| | -.1 | | 83 | |
| | 1.3 | | 105 | |
| | 2.2 | | 104 | |
| | 4.3 | | 128 | |
| | ↓ | | | |
| | 10.8 | | 207 | Roll rate increasing with $\alpha$; $\alpha > 11°$; rpm > 500 |
| 2.16 | -1.2 | 0 | 93 | |
| | 0 | | 97 | |
| | 1.1 | | 109 | |
| | 2.2 | | 122 | |
| | 3.3 | | 136 | |
| | 5.5 | | 154 | |
| | 7.6 | | 164 | Steady rolling |
| | ↓ | | | |
| | 16.7 | | 138 | |
| | 18.9 | | 0 | Stopped rolling; aero lockup |
| | ↓ | | | |
| | 24.8 | | 0 | |

[a]When viewed from the rear.

TABLE III.- Continued

| M | $\alpha$, deg | $\phi_c$, deg | Tail-fin roll rate, rpm[a] | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Clockwise | |
| 2.16 | -1.3 | 45 | 82 | |
| | 0 | | 84 | |
| | 1.0 | | 95 | |
| | 2.1 | | 95 | |
| | 3.3 | | 104 | |
| | 5.4 | | 150 | |
| | 7.6 | | 207 | Steady rolling |
| | ↓ | | | |
| | 12.0 | | 151 | |
| | 14.3 | | 0 | Stopped rolling; aero lockup |
| | ↓ | | | |
| | 24.5 | | 0 | |
| 2.36 | -1.3 | 0 | 109 | |
| | -.1 | | 121 | |
| | .8 | | 103 | |
| | 2.0 | | 95 | |
| | 3.1 | | 147 | |
| | 5.2 | | 123 | |
| | 7.3 | | 110 | |
| | 9.6 | | 0 | Stopped rolling; aero lockup |
| | ↓ | | | |
| | 24.4 | | 0 | |
| 2.36 | -1.0 | 45 | 88 | |
| | .4 | | 71 | |
| | 1.3 | | 105 | |
| | 2.3 | | 93 | |
| | 3.4 | | 108 | |
| | 5.6 | | 168 | |
| | 7.8 | | 178 | |
| | 10.0 | | 156 | |
| | 12.2 | | 0 | Stopped rolling; aero lockup |
| | ↓ | | | |
| | 24.2 | | 0 | |

[a]When viewed from the rear.

TABLE III.- Concluded

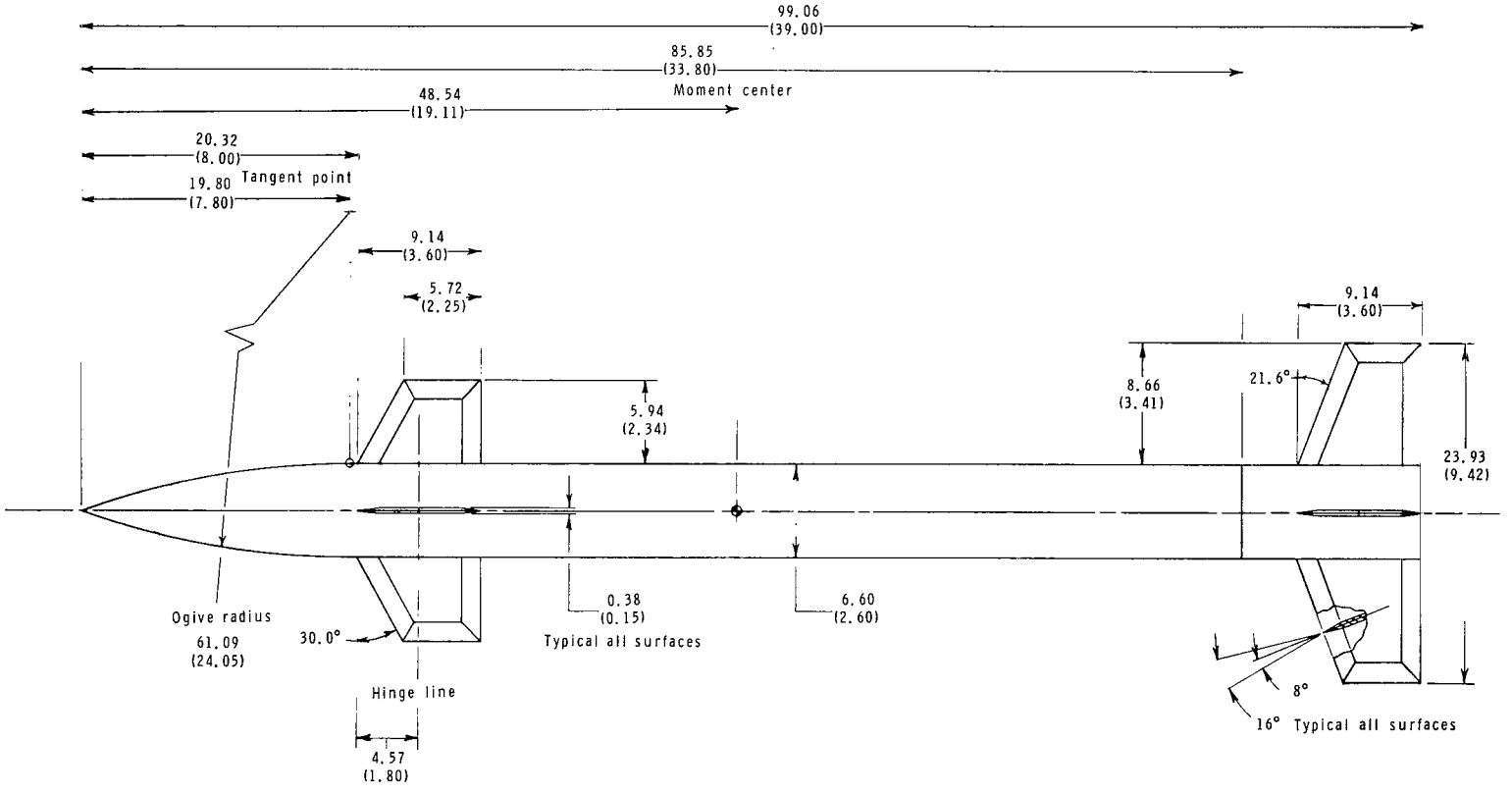
| M | $\alpha$, deg | $\phi_c$, deg | Tail-fin roll rate, rpm[a] | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Clockwise | |
| 2.86 | -2.7 | 0 | 51 | |
| | -1.5 | | 67 | |
| | -.4 | | 87 | |
| | .7 | | 104 | |
| | 2.1 | | 80 | |
| | 3.8 | | 99 | |
| | 5.9 | | 123 | Steady rolling |
| | ↓ | | | |
| | 14.7 | | 133 | |
| | 17.0 | | 0 | Stopped rolling; aero lockup |
| | ↓ | | | |
| | 22.6 | | 0 | |
| 2.86 | -2.6 | 45 | 84 | Low roll rates |
| | -1.5 | | 58 | |
| | -.5 | | 65 | |
| | .6 | | 71 | |
| | 1.7 | | 73 | |
| | 3.8 | | 105 | Steady rolling |
| | ↓ | | | |
| | 10.3 | | 42 | |
| | 12.5 | | 0 | Stopped rolling; aero lockup |
| | ↓ | | | |
| | 22.5 | | 0 | |

[a]When viewed from the rear.

TABLE IV.- SUMMARY OF TEST DATA FROM FREE-ROLLING TAIL CONFIGURATION WITH VERTICAL CANARDS DEFLECTED 5° FOR POSITIVE YAW CONTROL

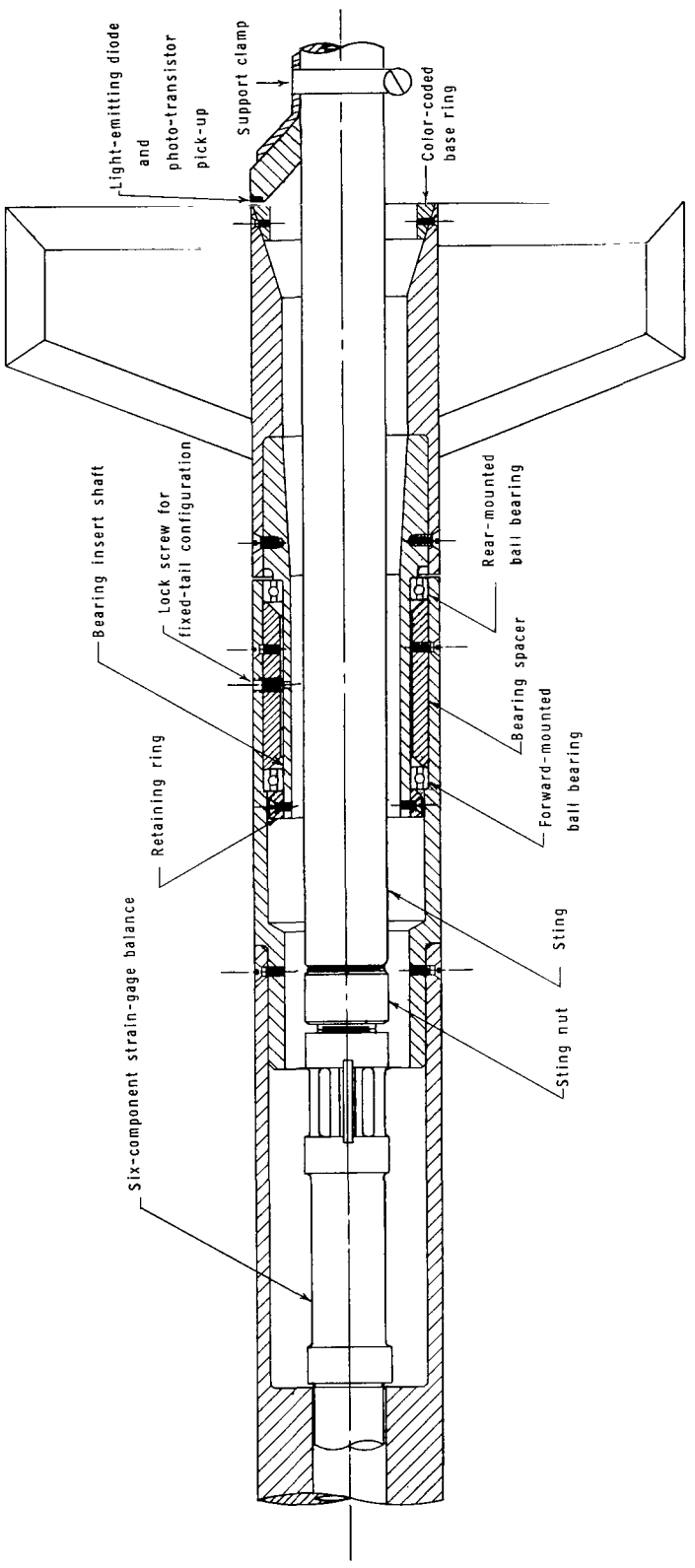
| M | $\alpha$, deg | $\phi_c$, deg | Tail-fin roll rate, rpm[a] | | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Clockwise | Counterclockwise | |
| 1.70 | -2.2 | 0 | 360 | | |
| | -1.1 | | 134 | | |
| | 0 | | | 80 | Roll direction changed |
| | 1.0 | | | 314 | Roll rate increasing with $\alpha$ |
| | 2.1 | | | 463 | Excessive roll rate |
| 2.16 | -1.3 | 0 | 152 | | |
| | 0 | | | 53 | Low roll rate |
| | 1.1 | | | 240 | |
| | 2.2 | | | 430 | |
| | 3.3 | | | 517 | |
| | 6.2 | | | 522 | Excessive roll rate |
| 2.36 | -1.3 | 0 | 191 | | |
| | -.2 | | | 36 | Very low roll rate both directions |
| | .9 | | | 187 | Roll rate increasing with $\alpha$ |
| | 2.0 | | | 360 | |
| | 3.0 | | | 500 | |
| | 6.7 | | | 590 | Excessive roll rate |
| 2.86 | -2.7 | 0 | 351 | | |
| | -1.5 | | 177 | | |
| | -.5 | | 55 | | |
| | .6 | | | 84 | Roll direction changed |
| | 1.7 | | | 206 | Roll rate increasing with $\alpha$ |
| | 3.9 | | | 439 | |
| | 5.8 | | | 527 | |
| | 8.3 | | | 507 | |
| | 10.3 | | | 354 | |
| | 12.5 | | | 94 | |
| | 14.1 | | | 0 | Stopped rolling; "stable" aero lockup |
| | ↓ | | | | |
| | 22.7 | | | 0 | |

[a]When viewed from the rear.




(a) Complete model.

Figure 1.- Model details. All dimensions are in centimeters (inches) unless otherwise indicated.




(b) Ball-bearing spindle assembly and sting support.

Figure 1.- Concluded.

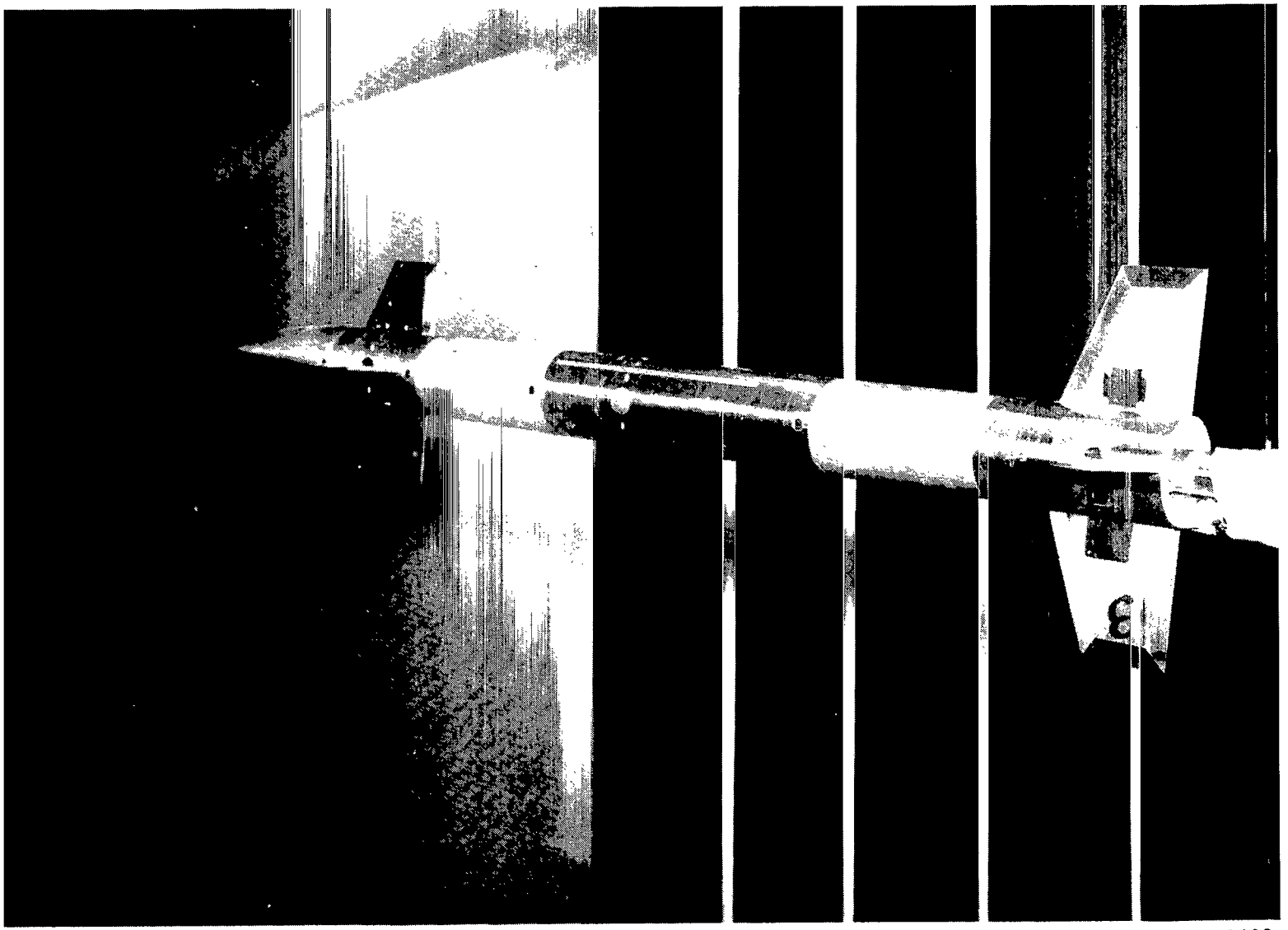


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Figure 2.- Model.

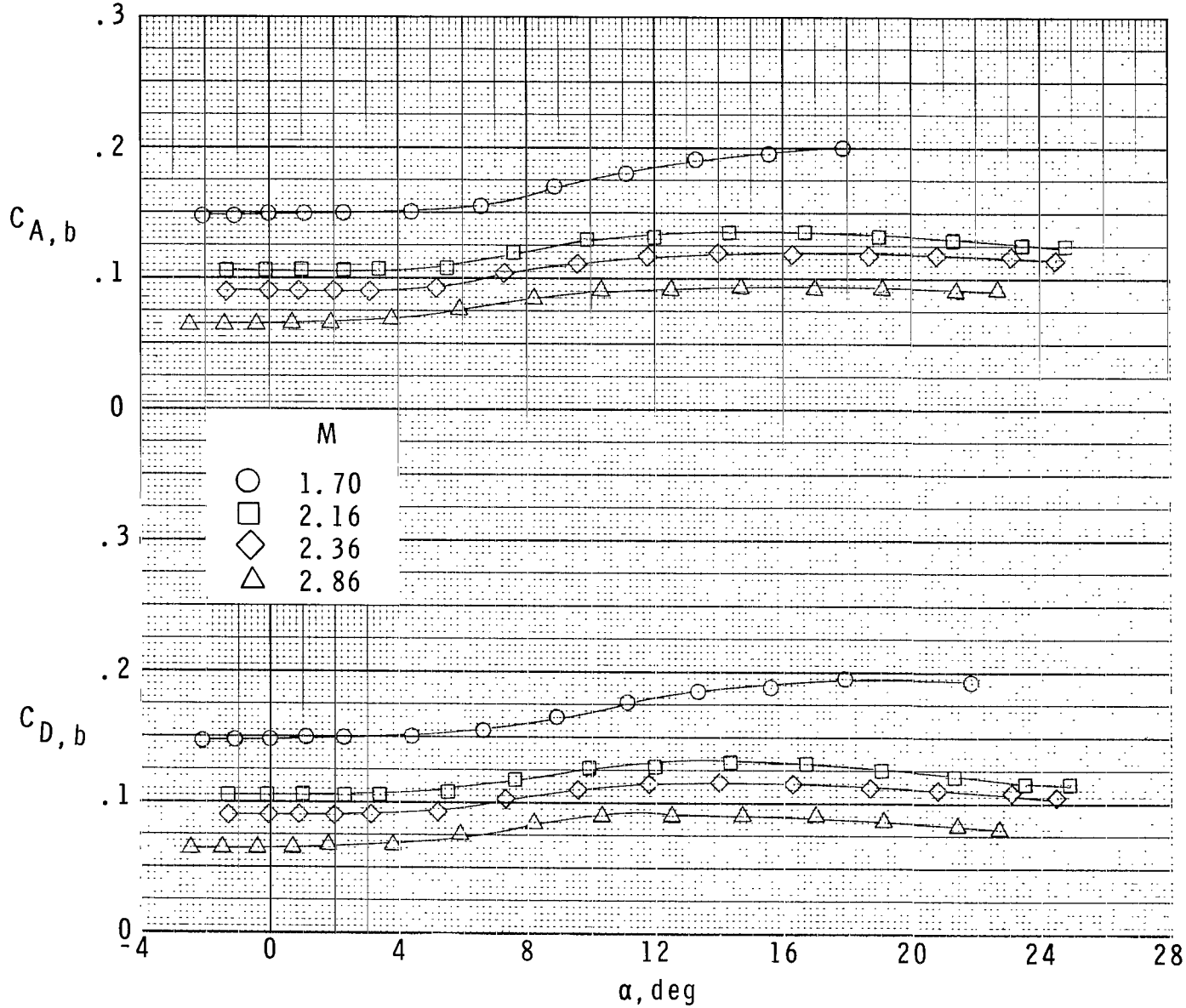
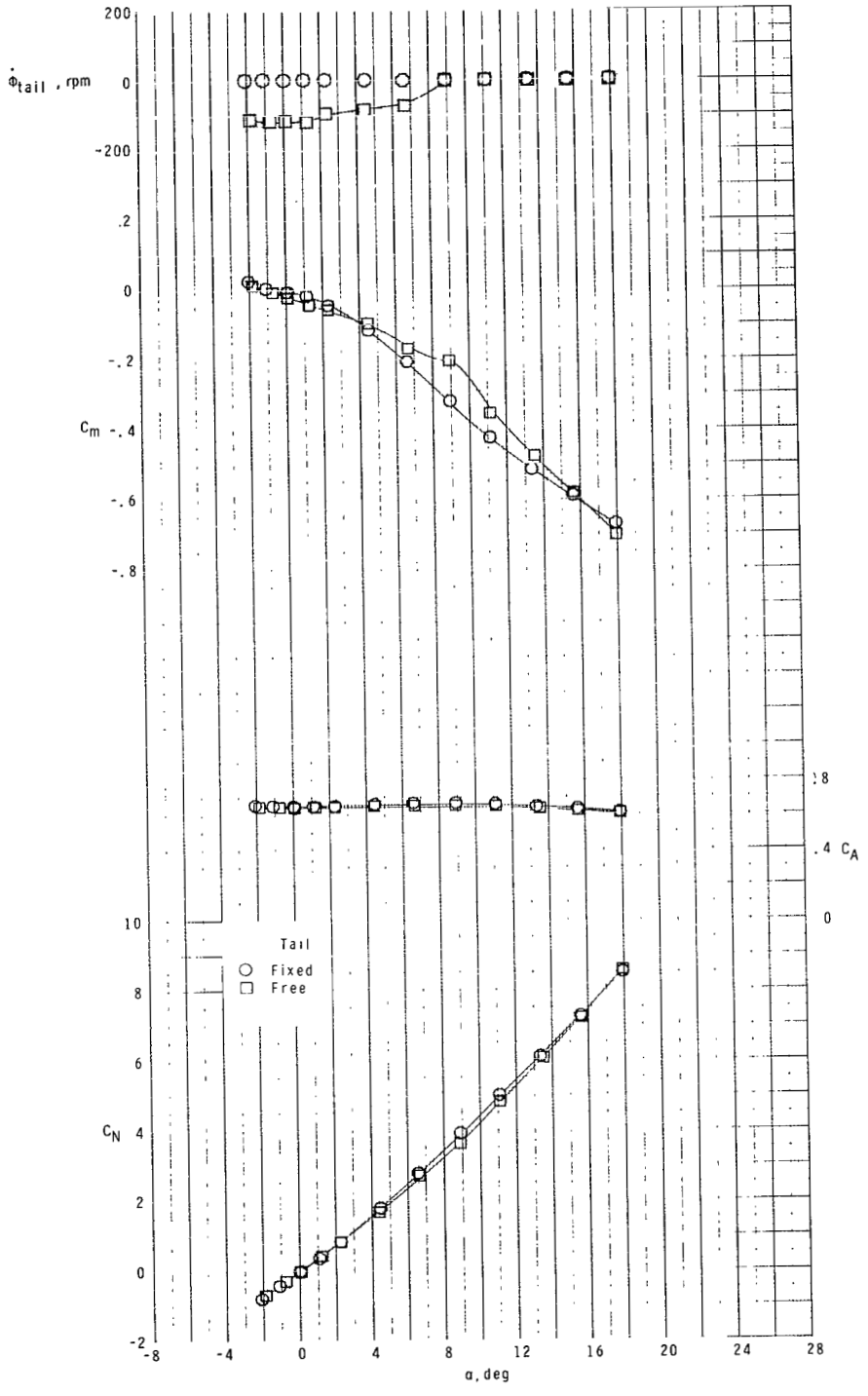
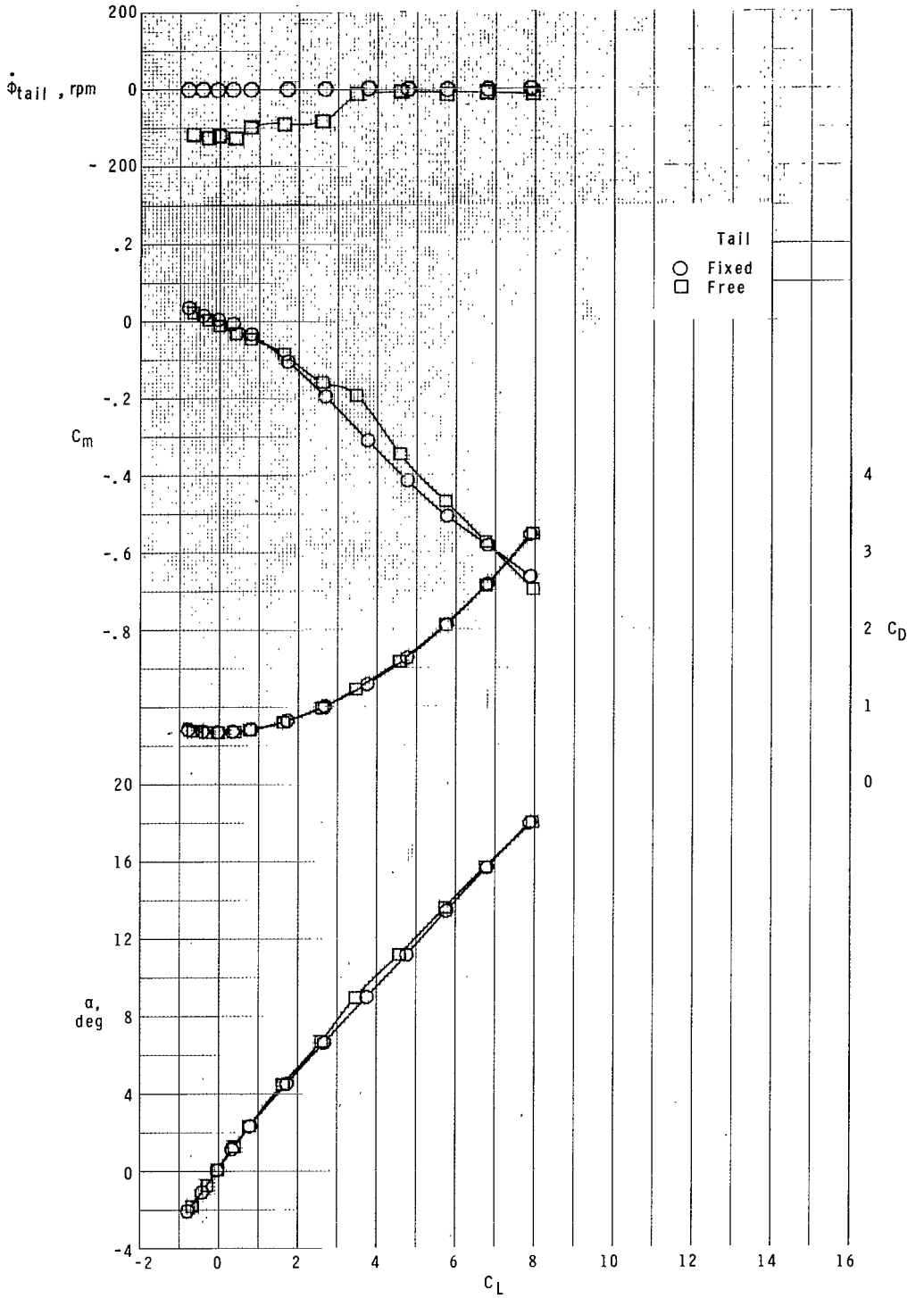



Figure 3.- Typical variation of measured $C_{A,b}$ and $C_{D,b}$ with angle of attack.




(a) M = 1.70.

Figure 4.- Effect of free-rolling tail on longitudinal aerodynamic characteristics of model with zero control deflection at $\phi_c = 0^o$.




(a) Concluded.

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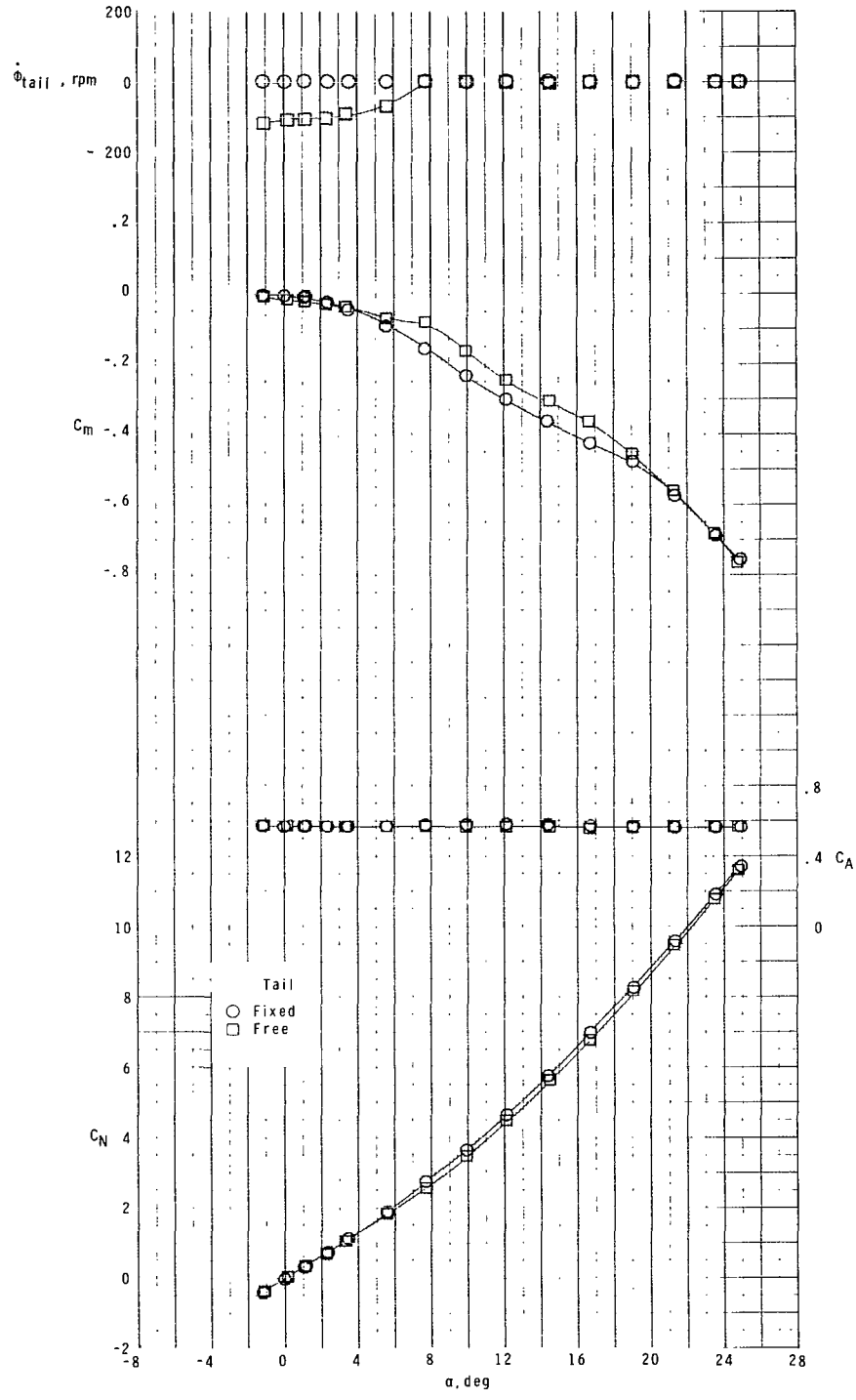


(b) M = 2.16.

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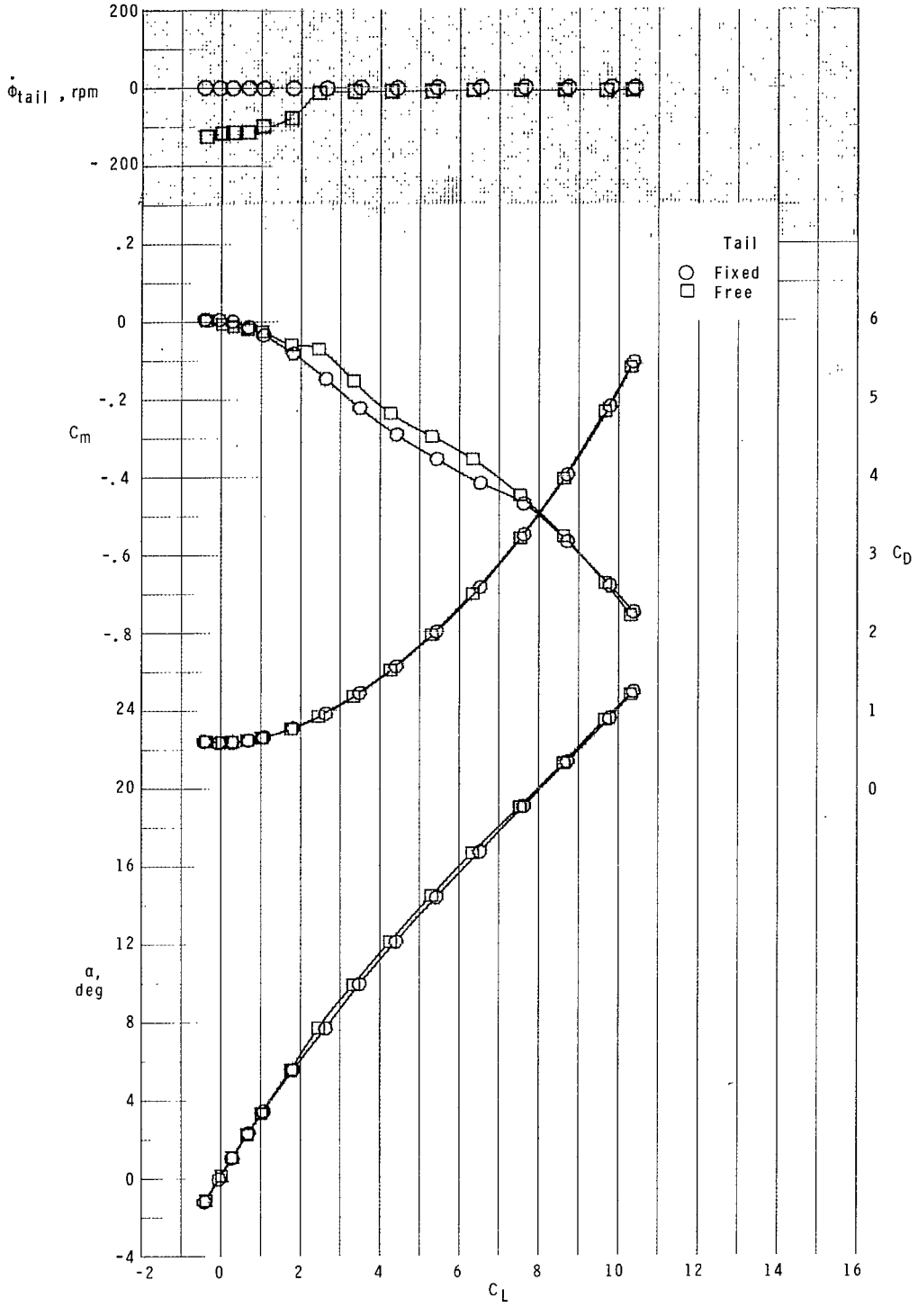


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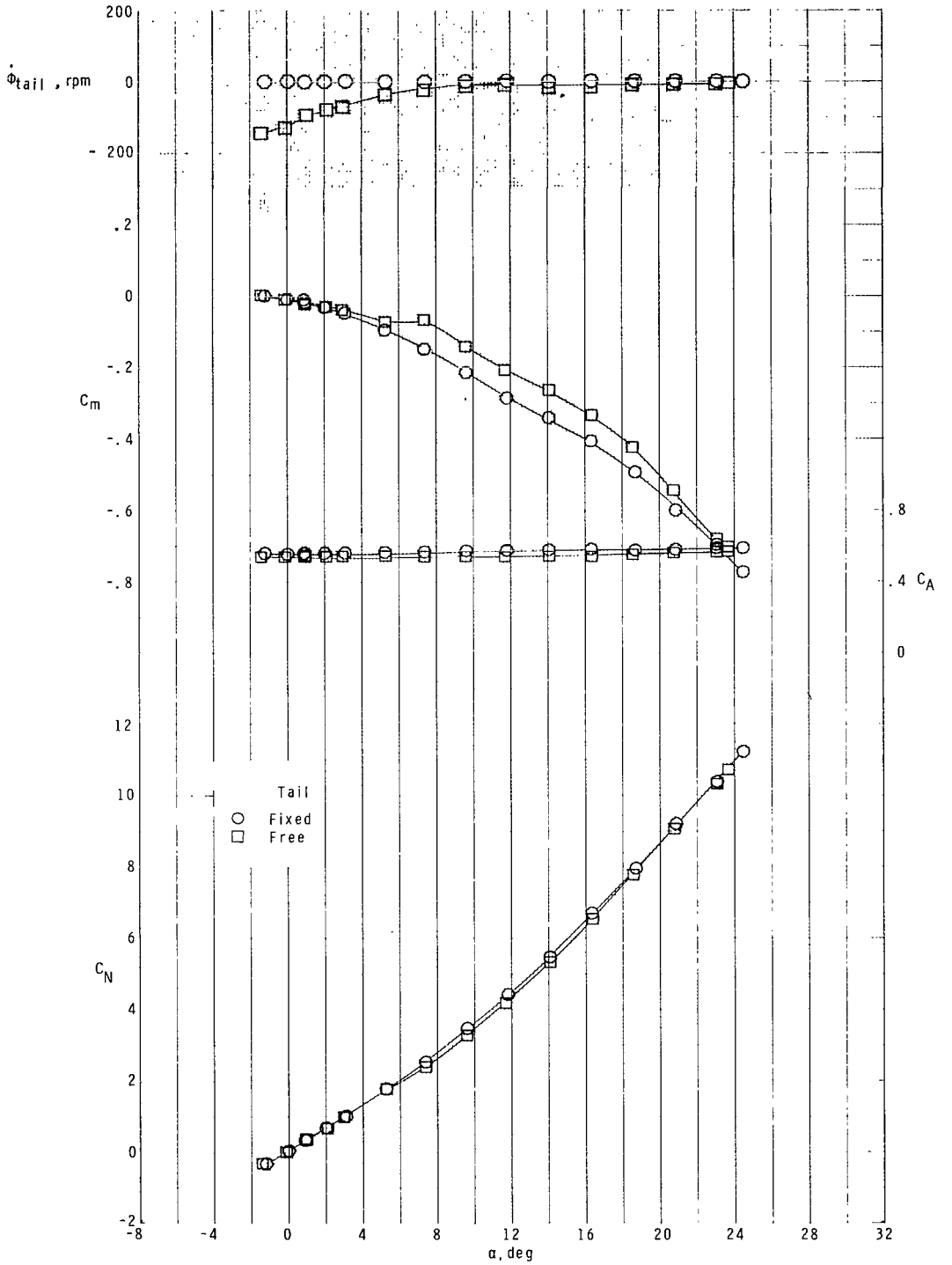


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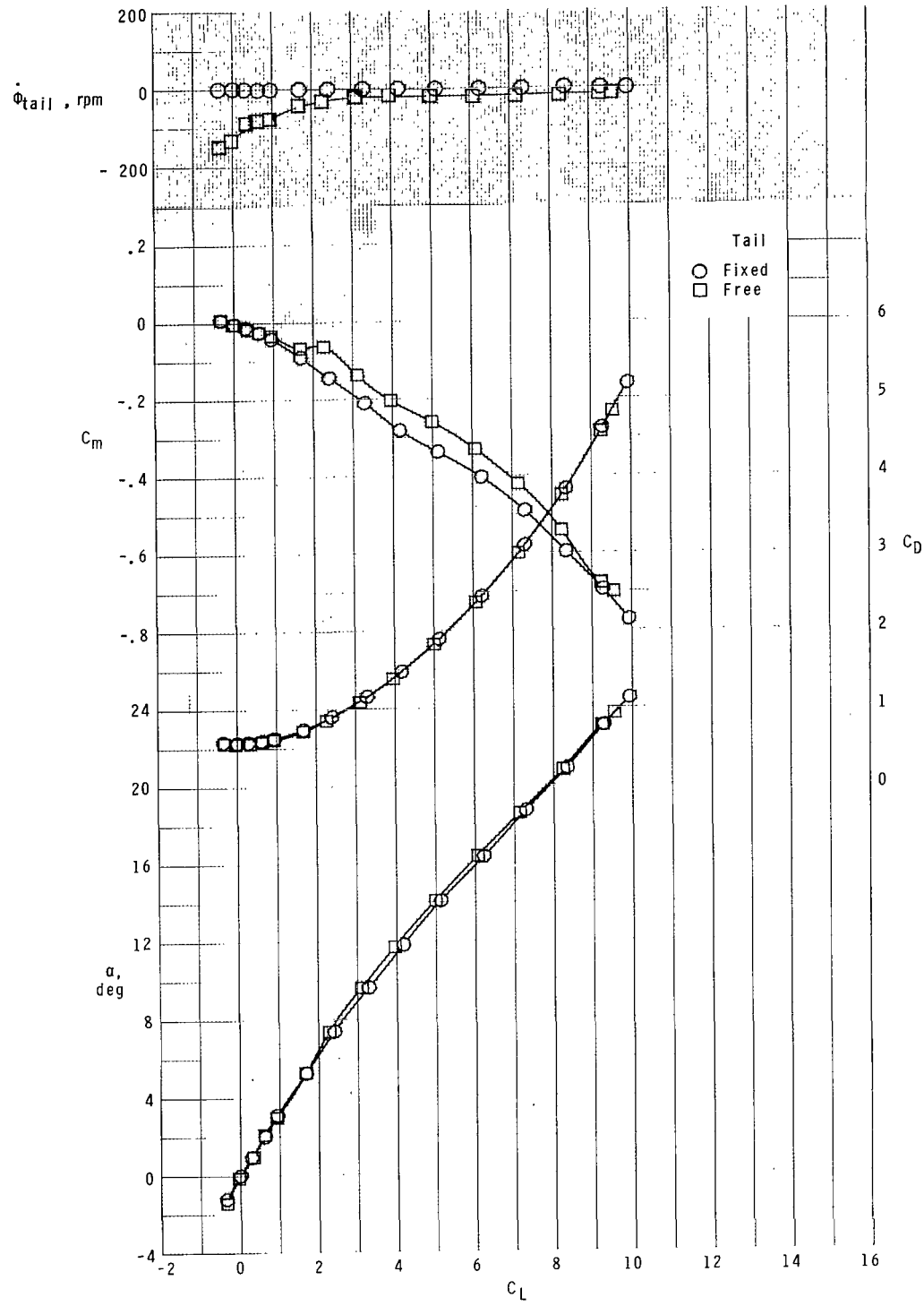


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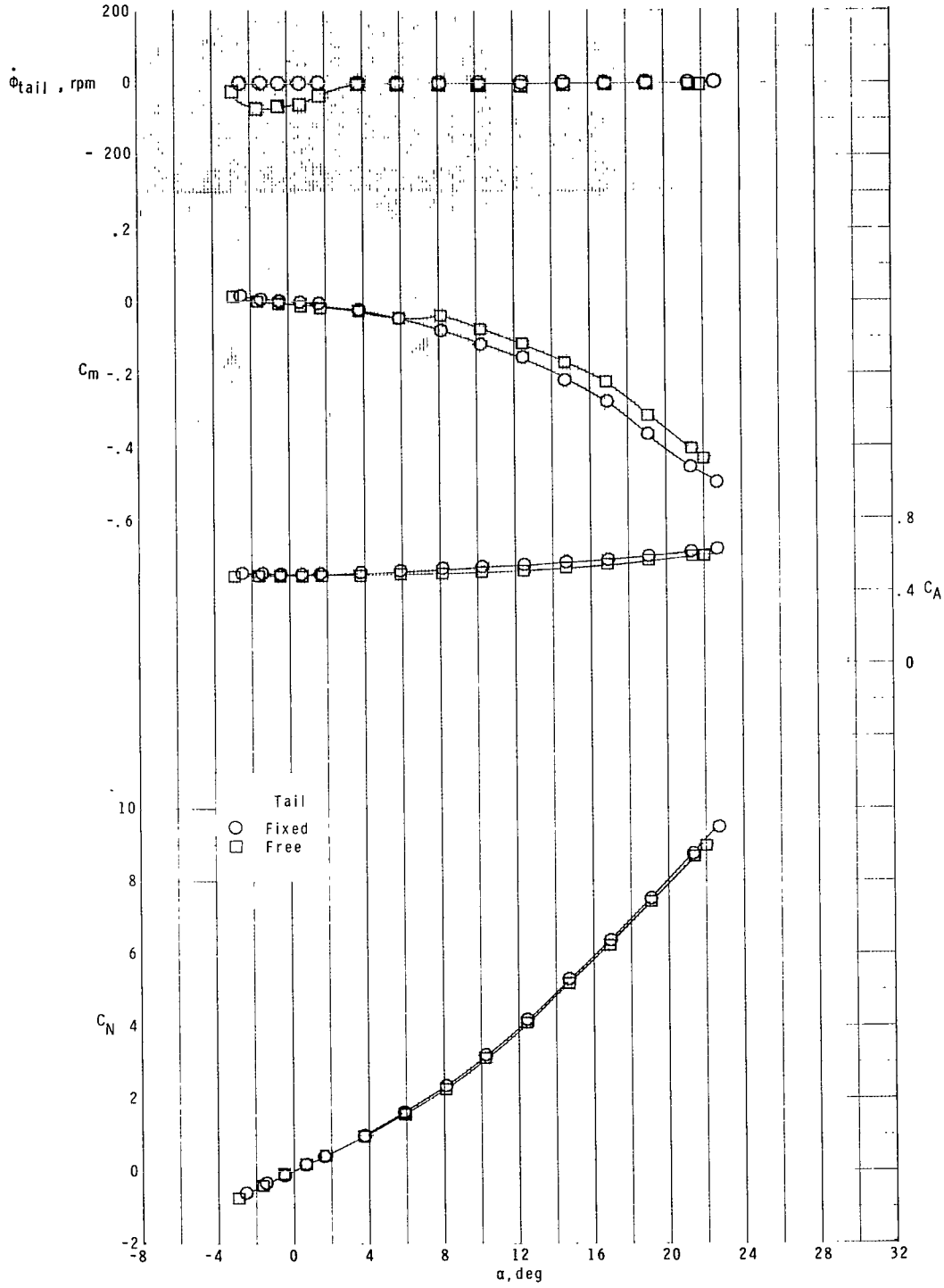


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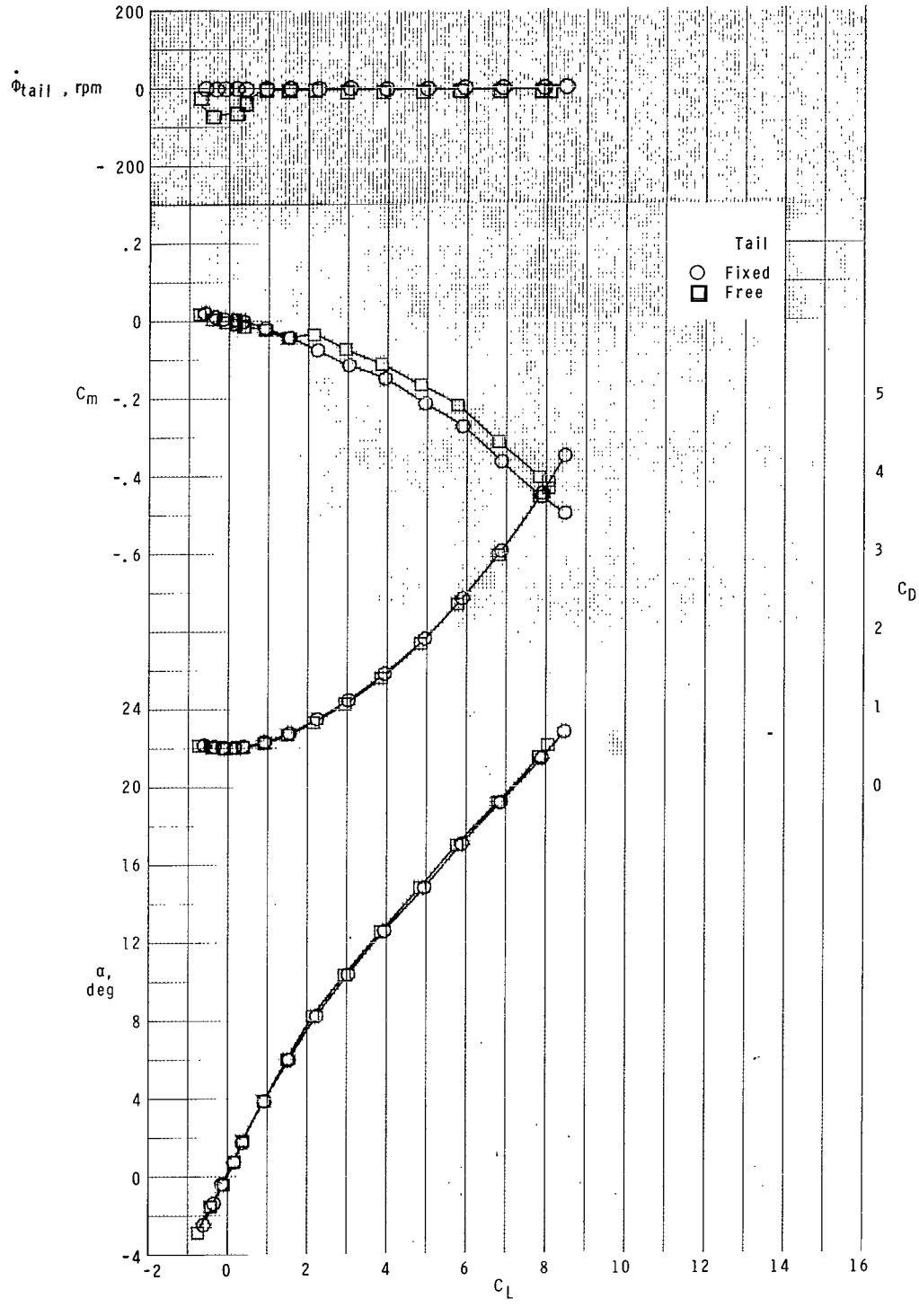


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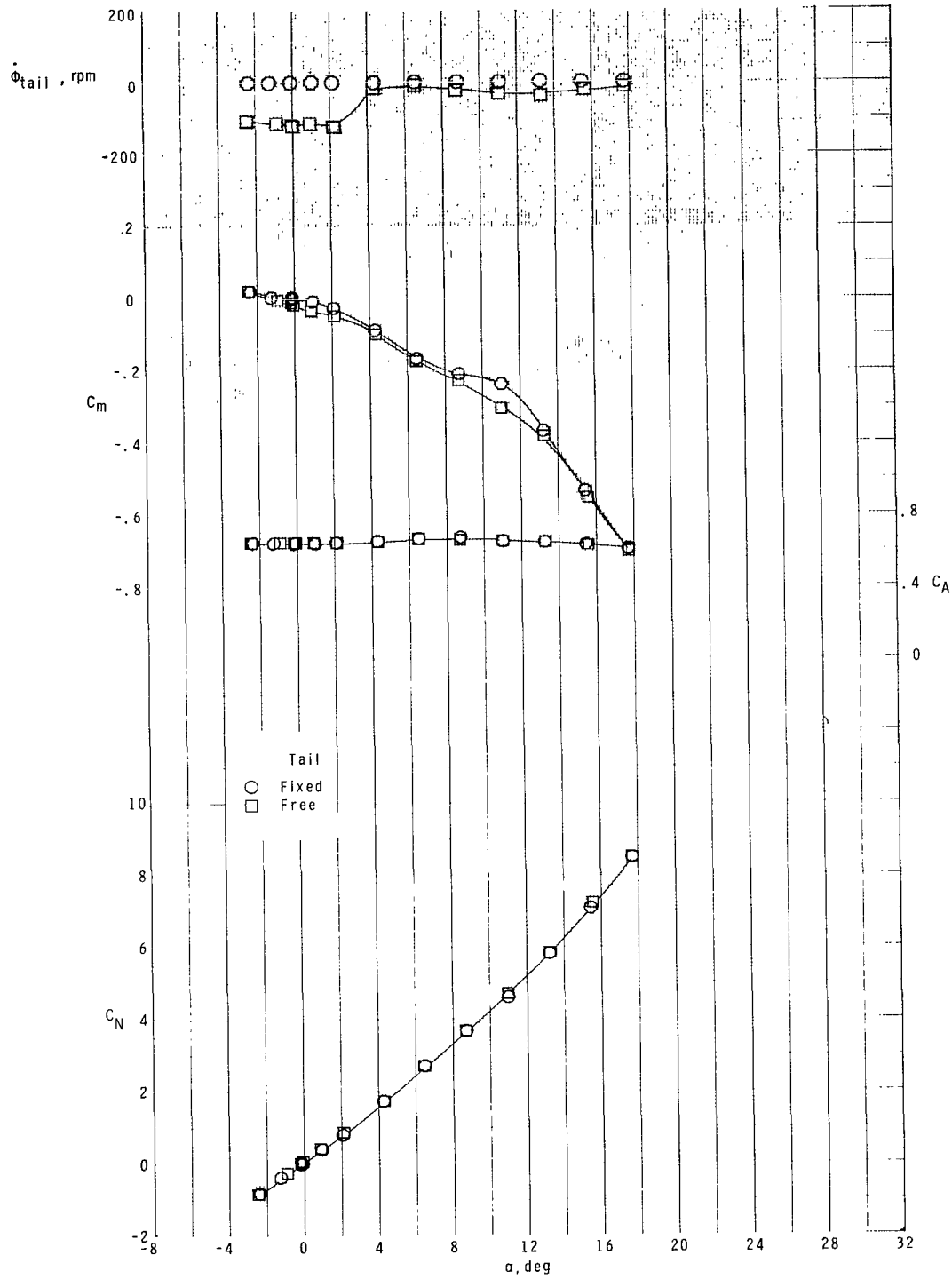
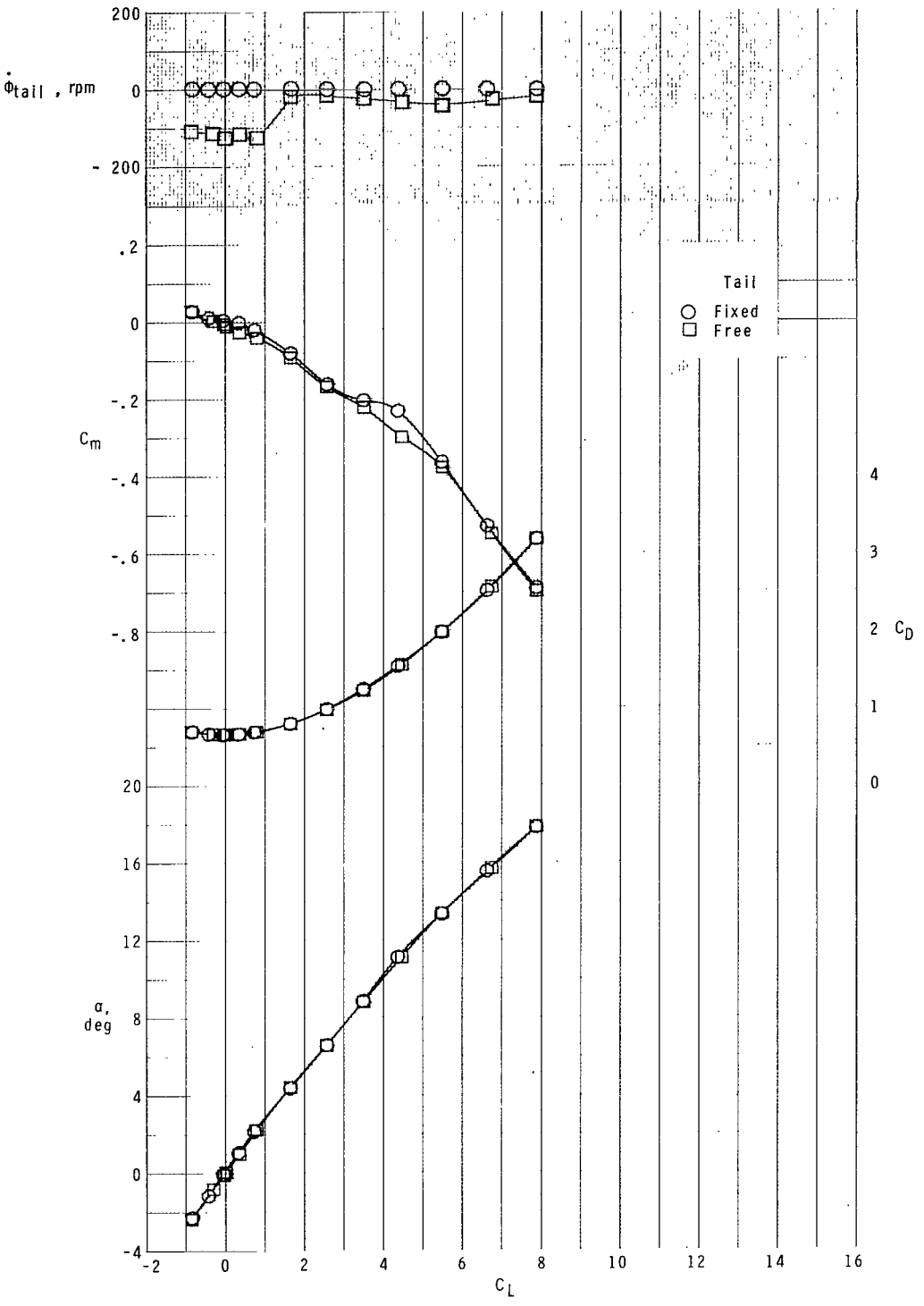



(a) M = 1.70.

Figure 5.- Effect of free-rolling tail on longitudinal aerodynamic characteristics of model with zero control deflection at $\phi_c = 45^o$.




(a) Concluded.

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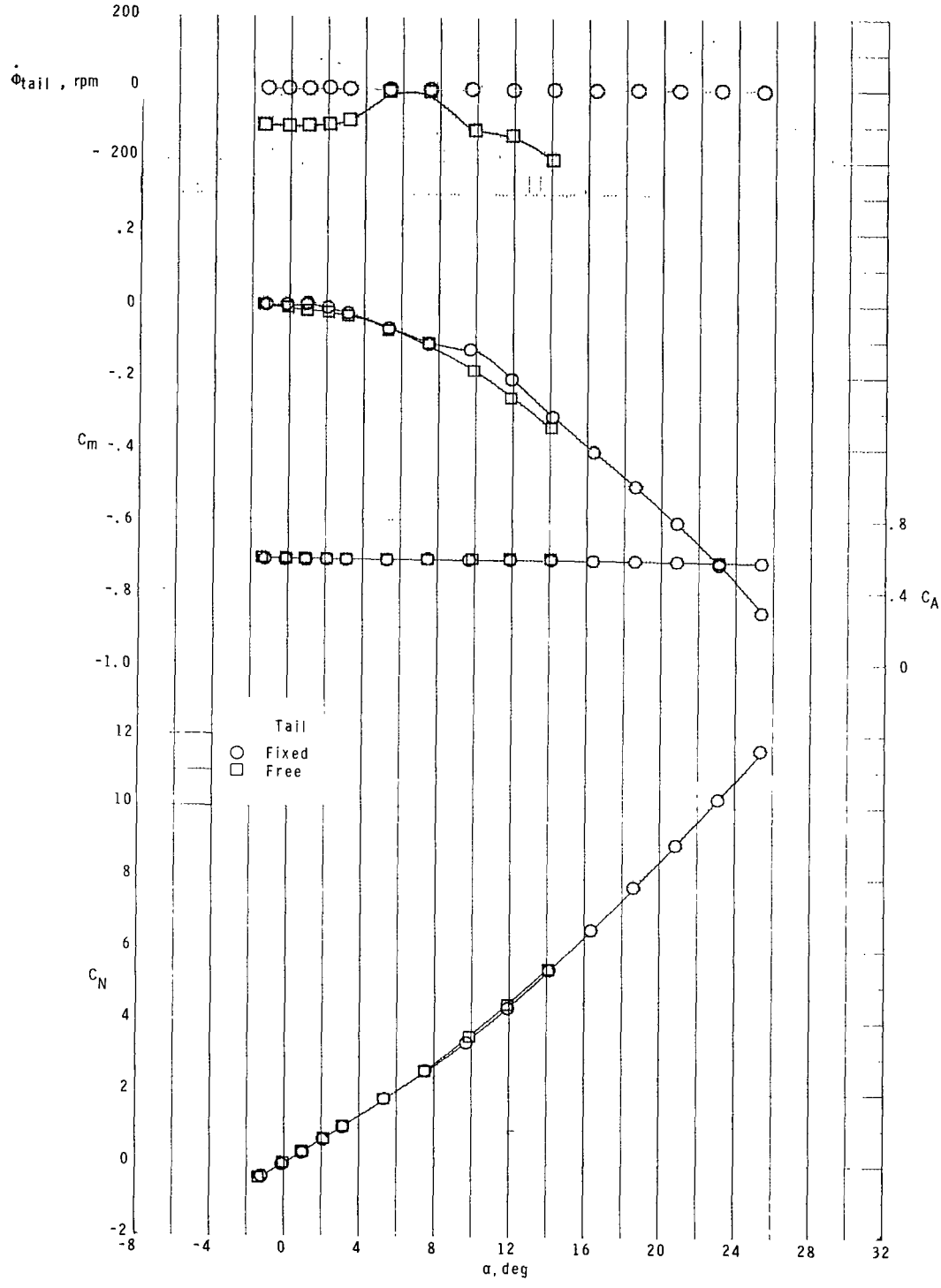


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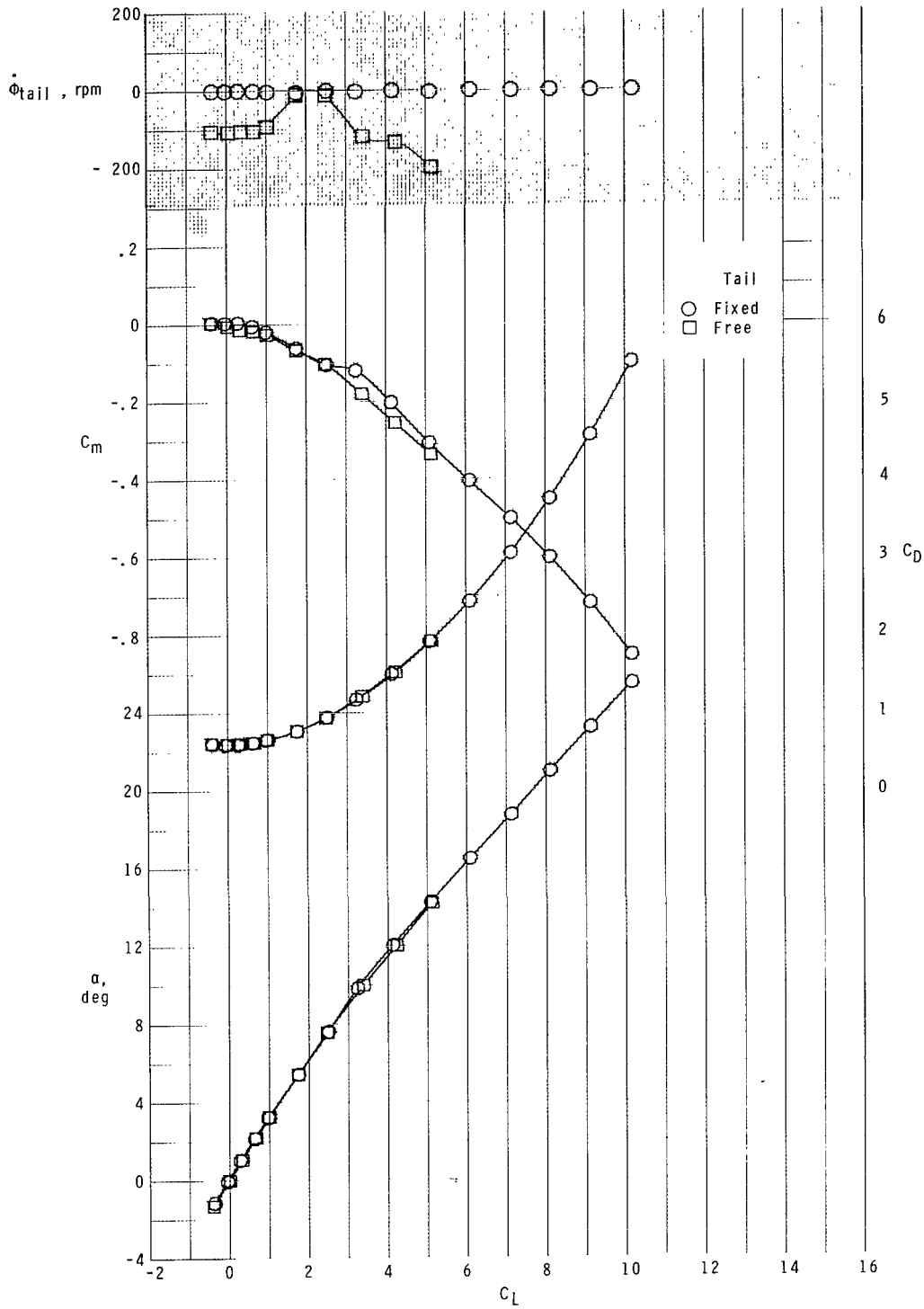


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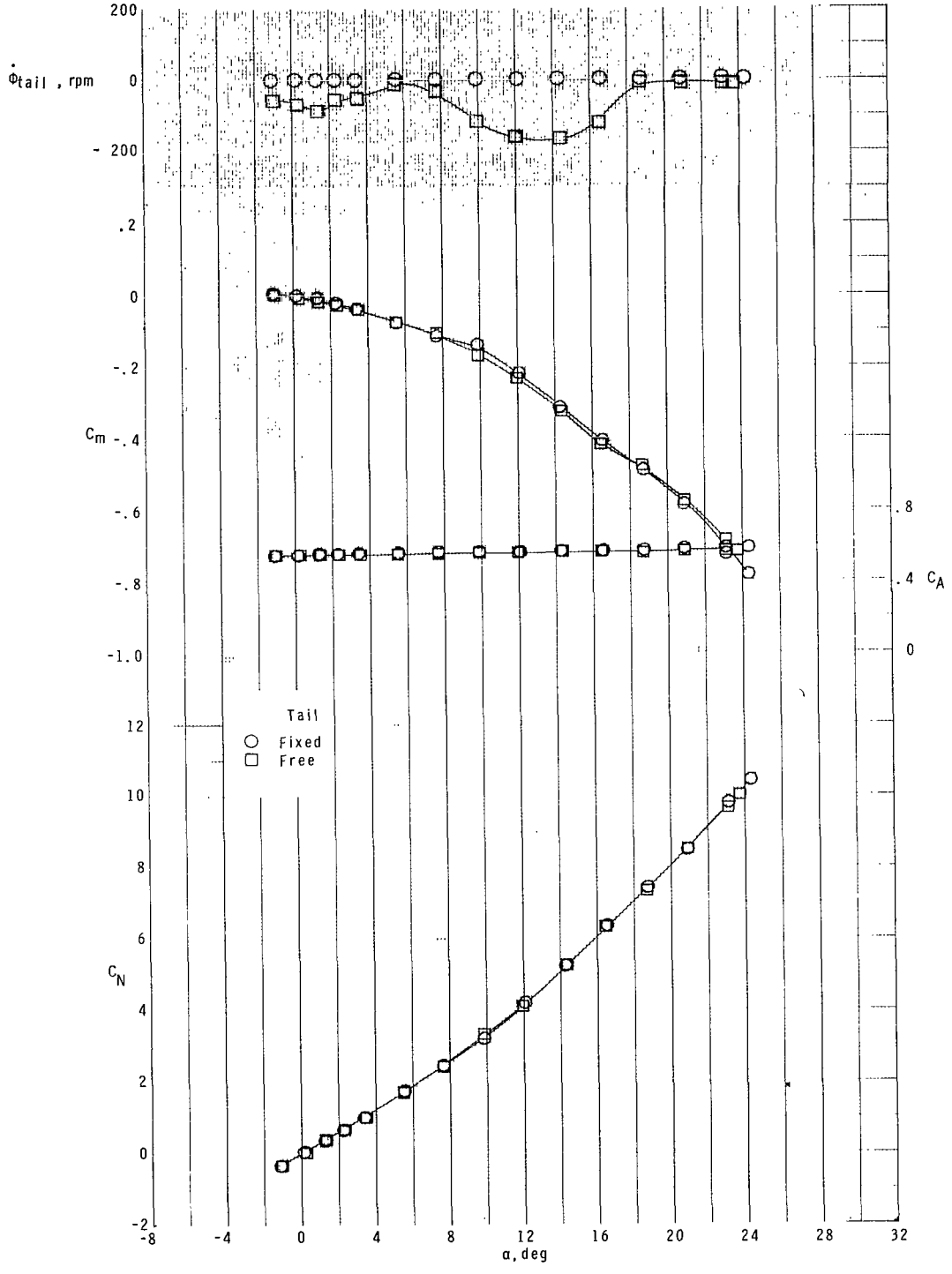


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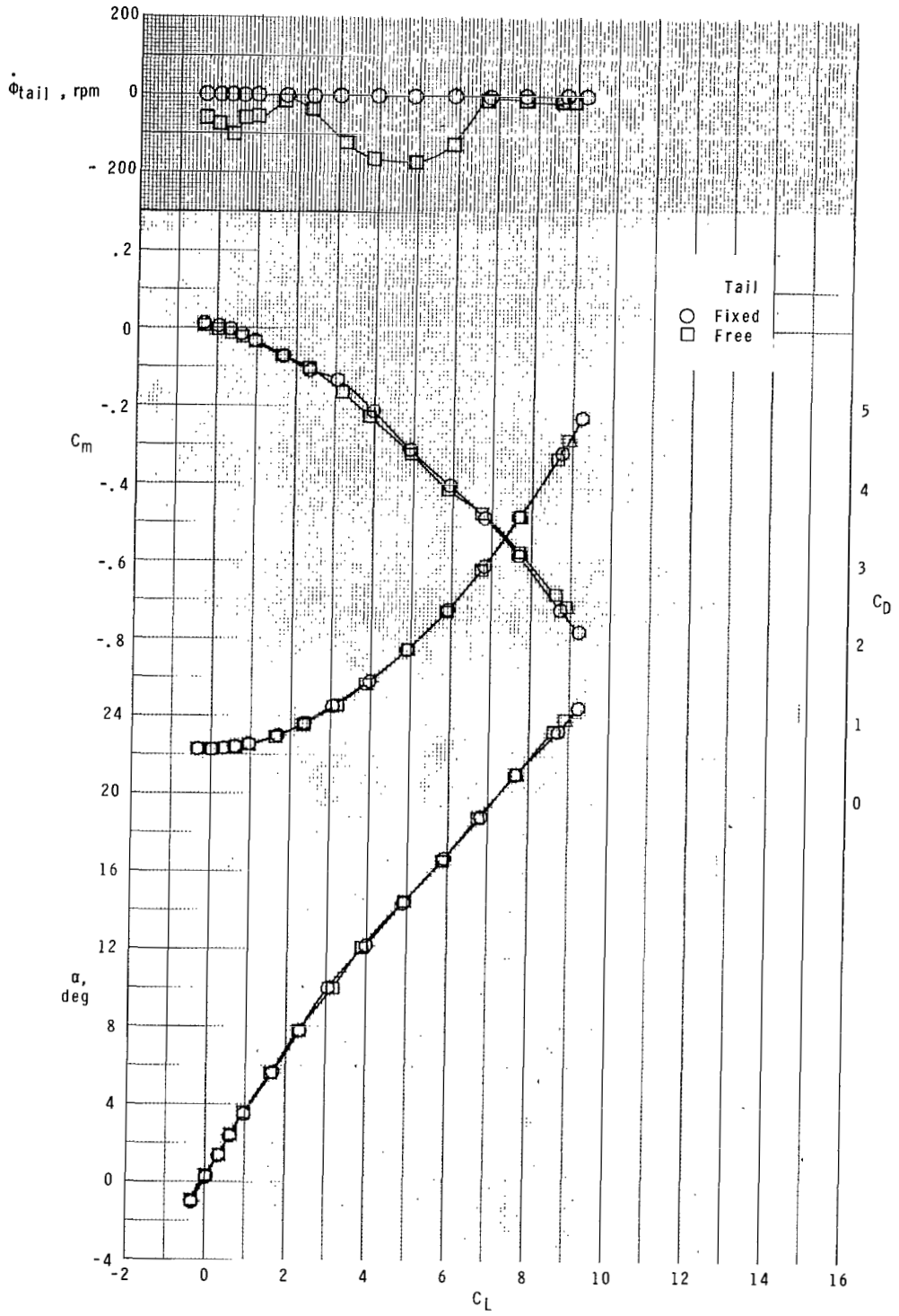


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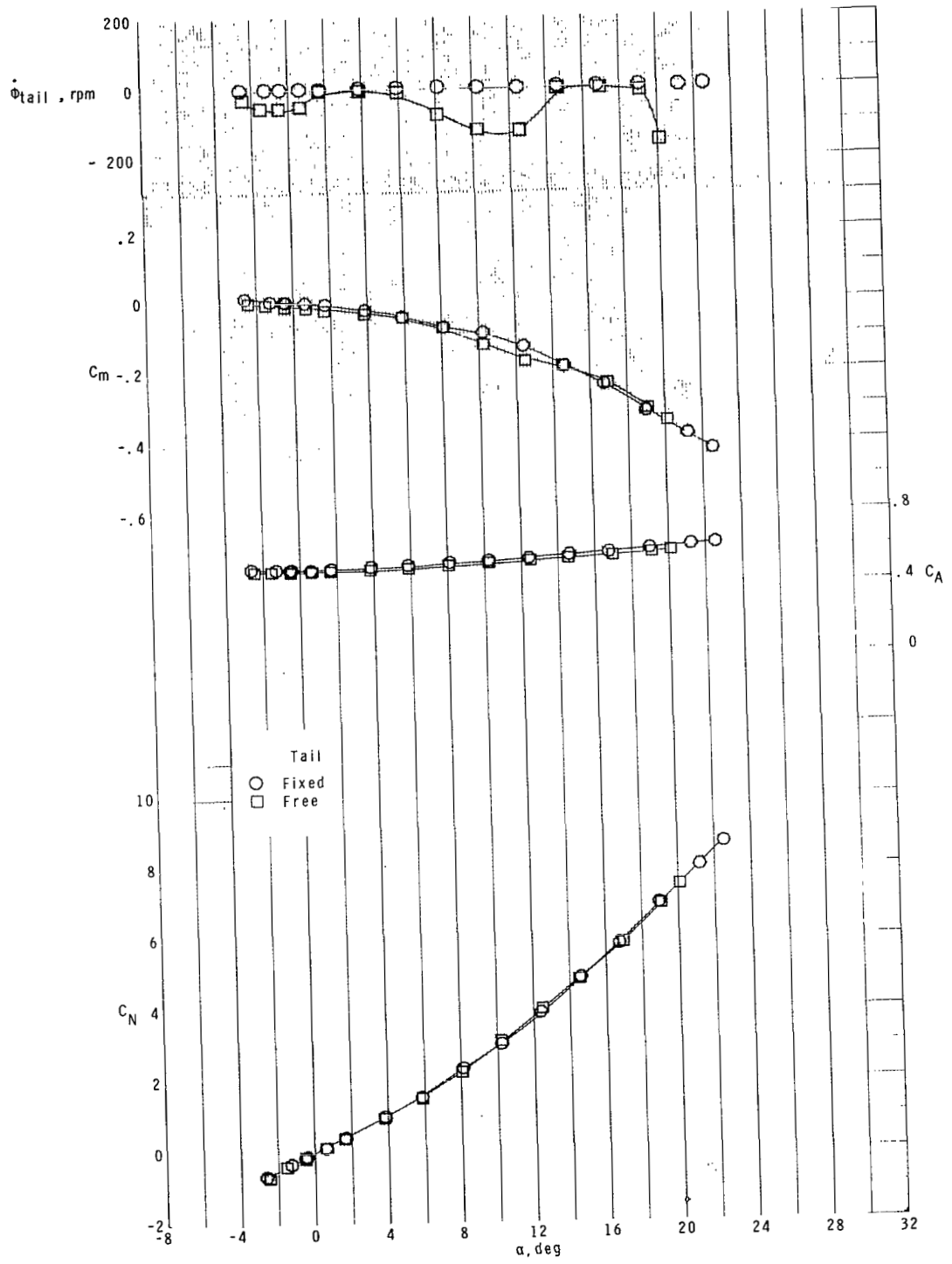


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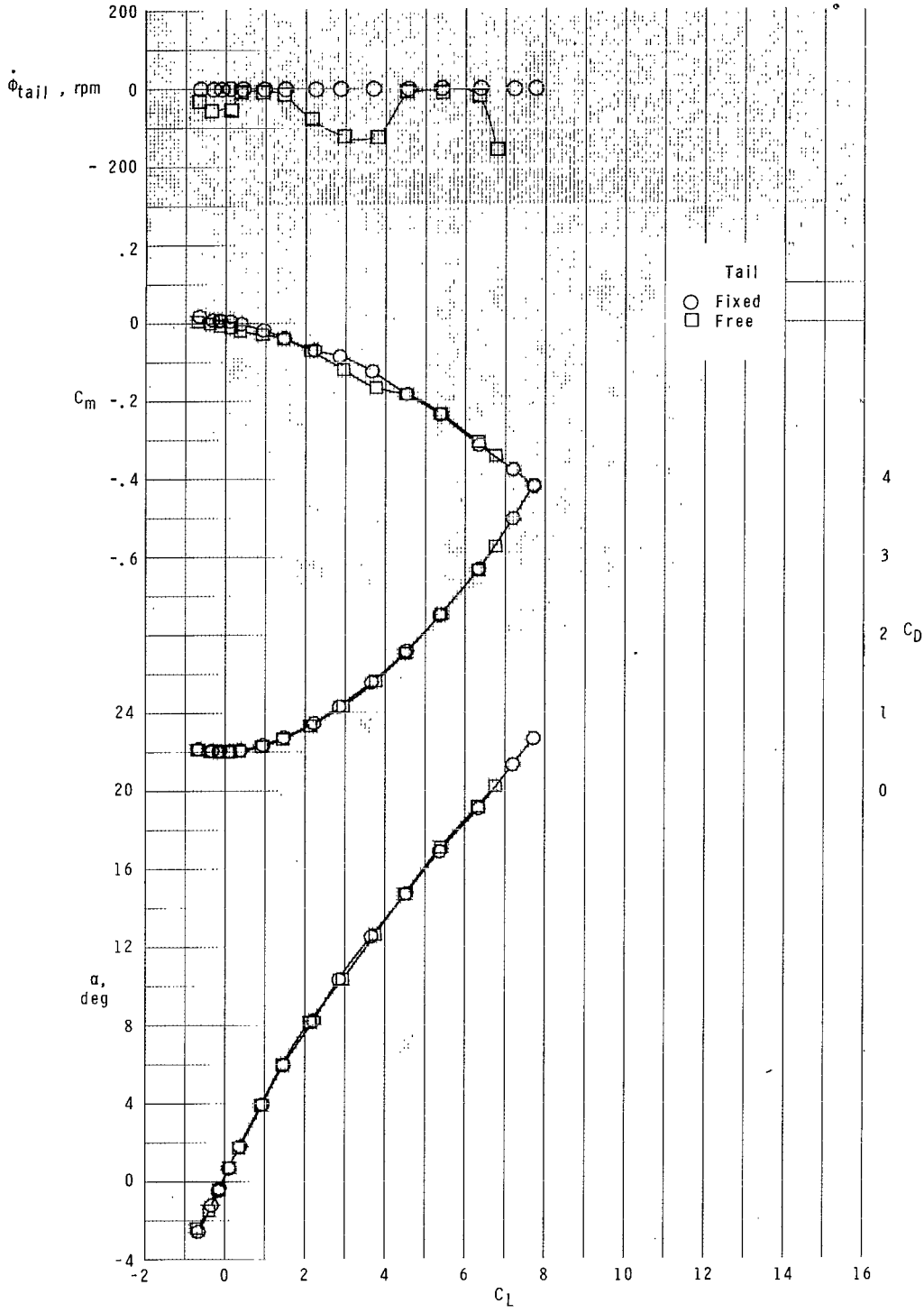


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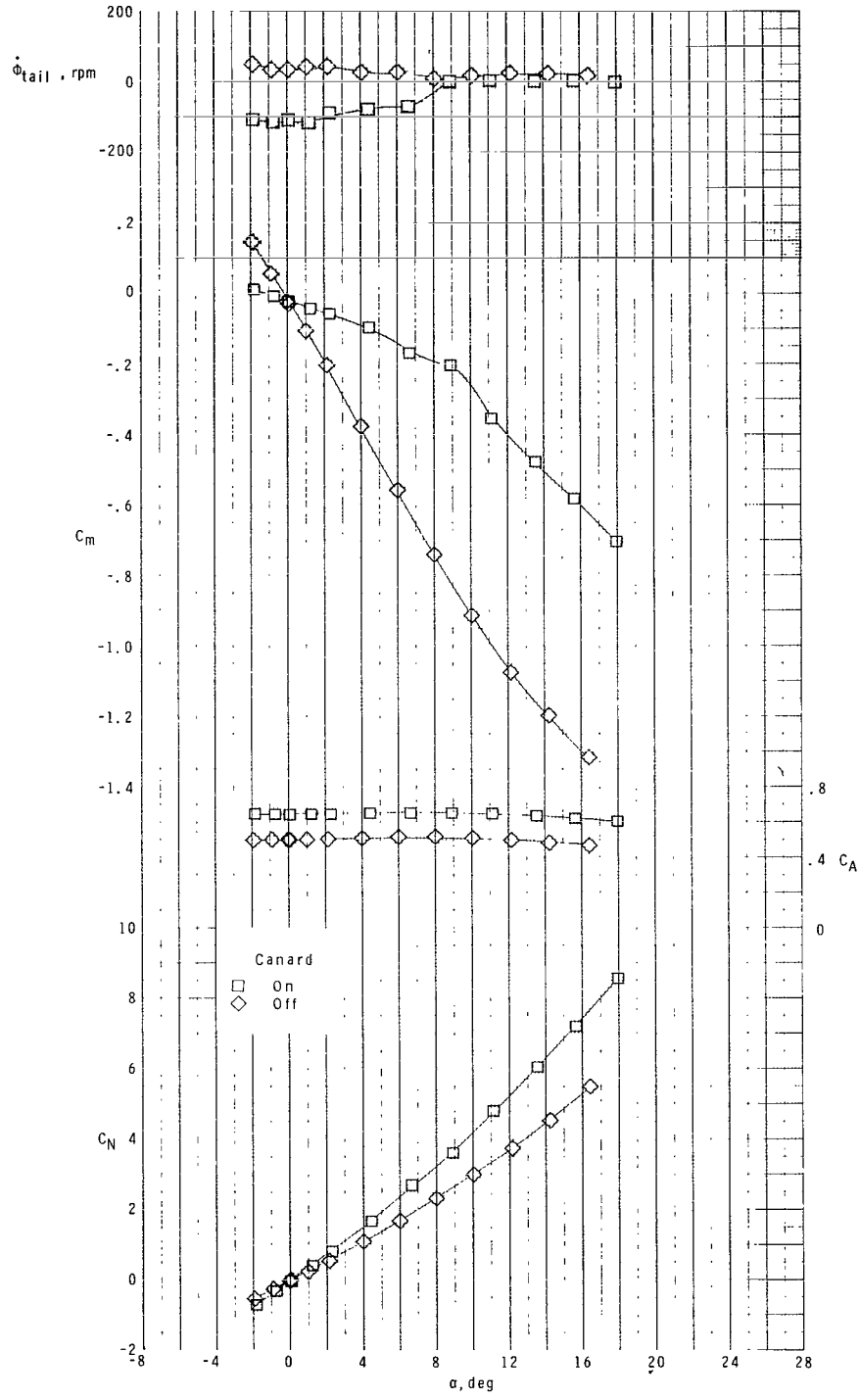


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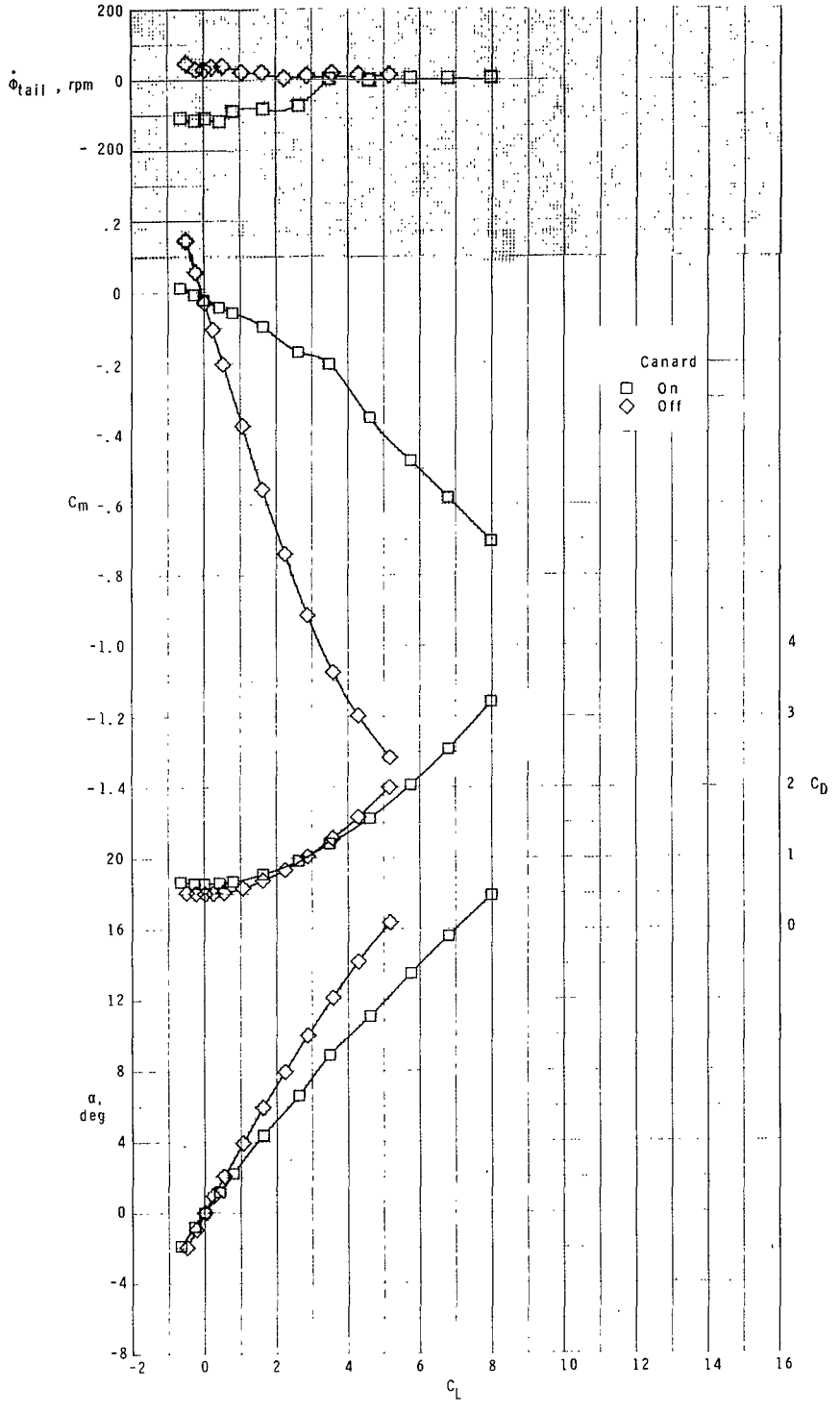
Figure 6.- Effect of canards on longitudinal aerodynamic characteristics of model with free-rolling tail at $\phi_c = 0^o$.




(a) Concluded.

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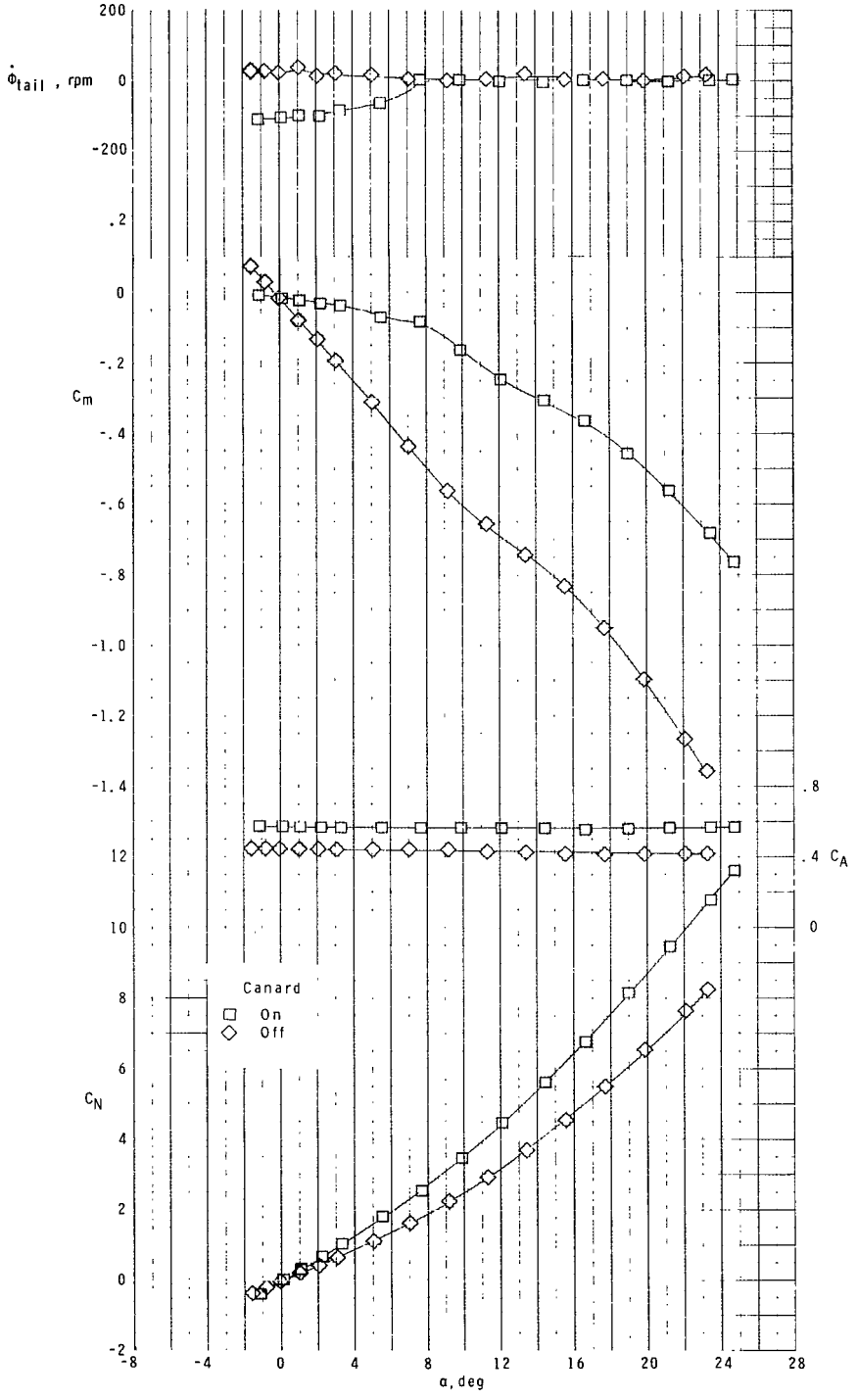


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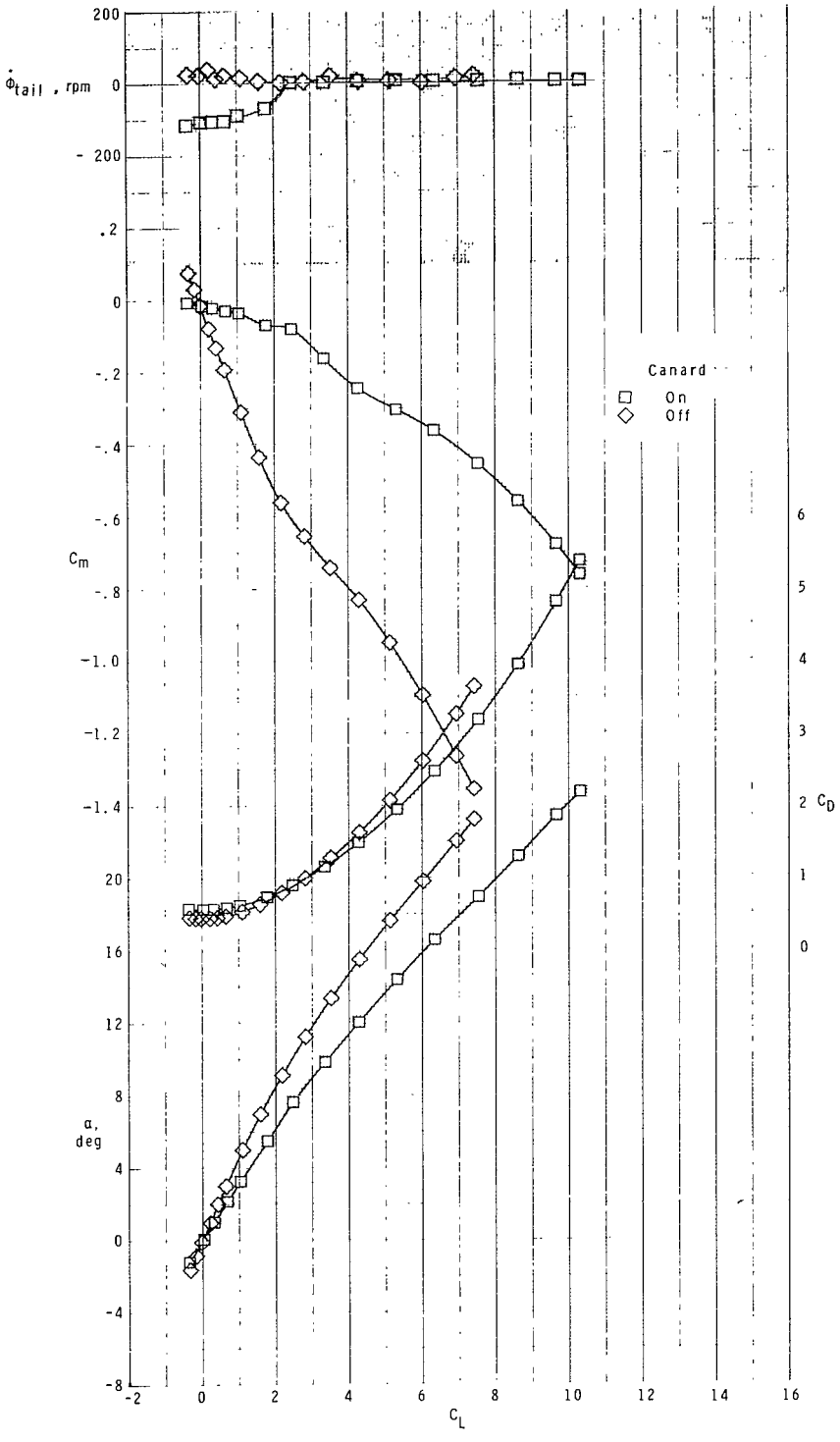


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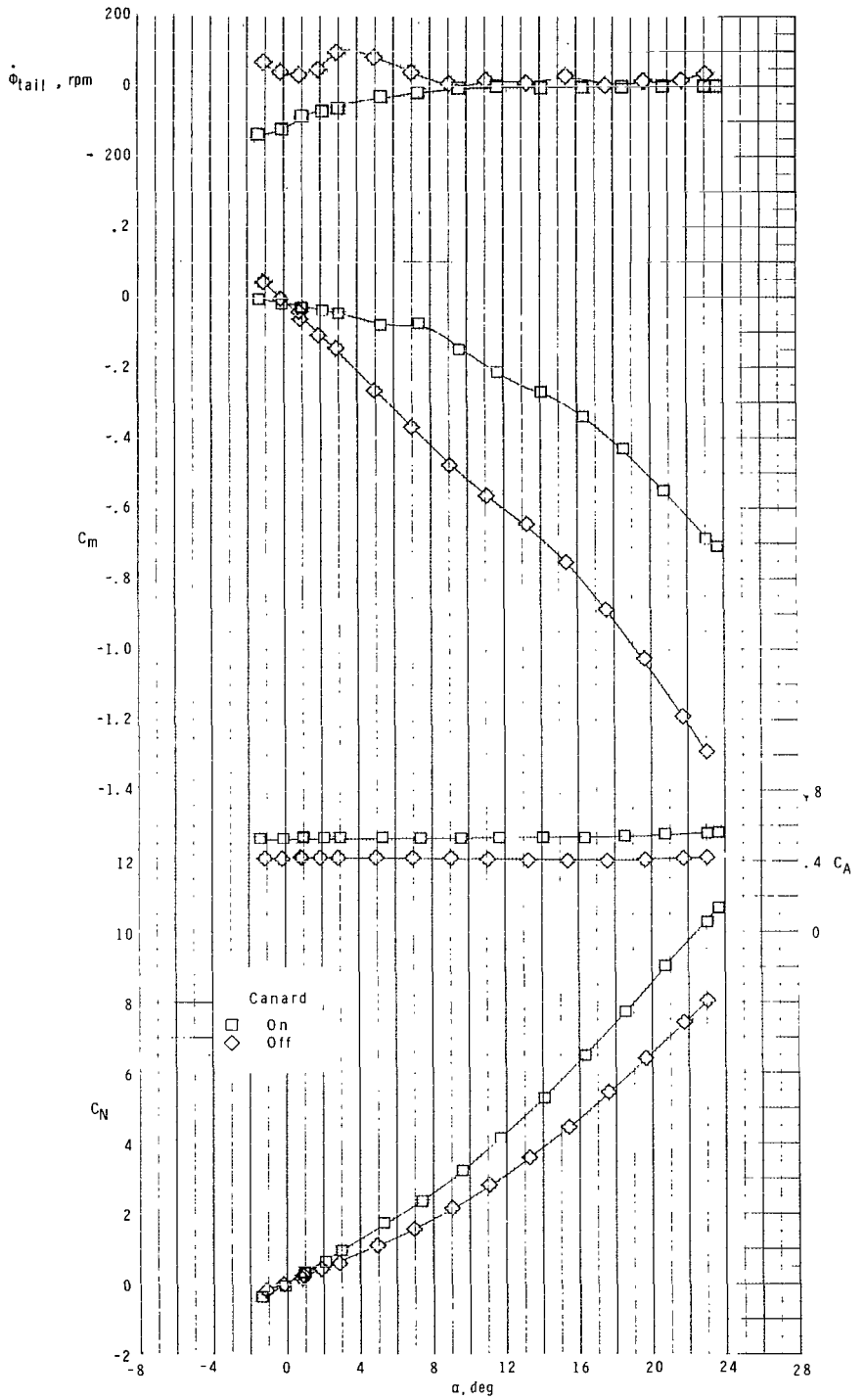


(c) M = 2.36.

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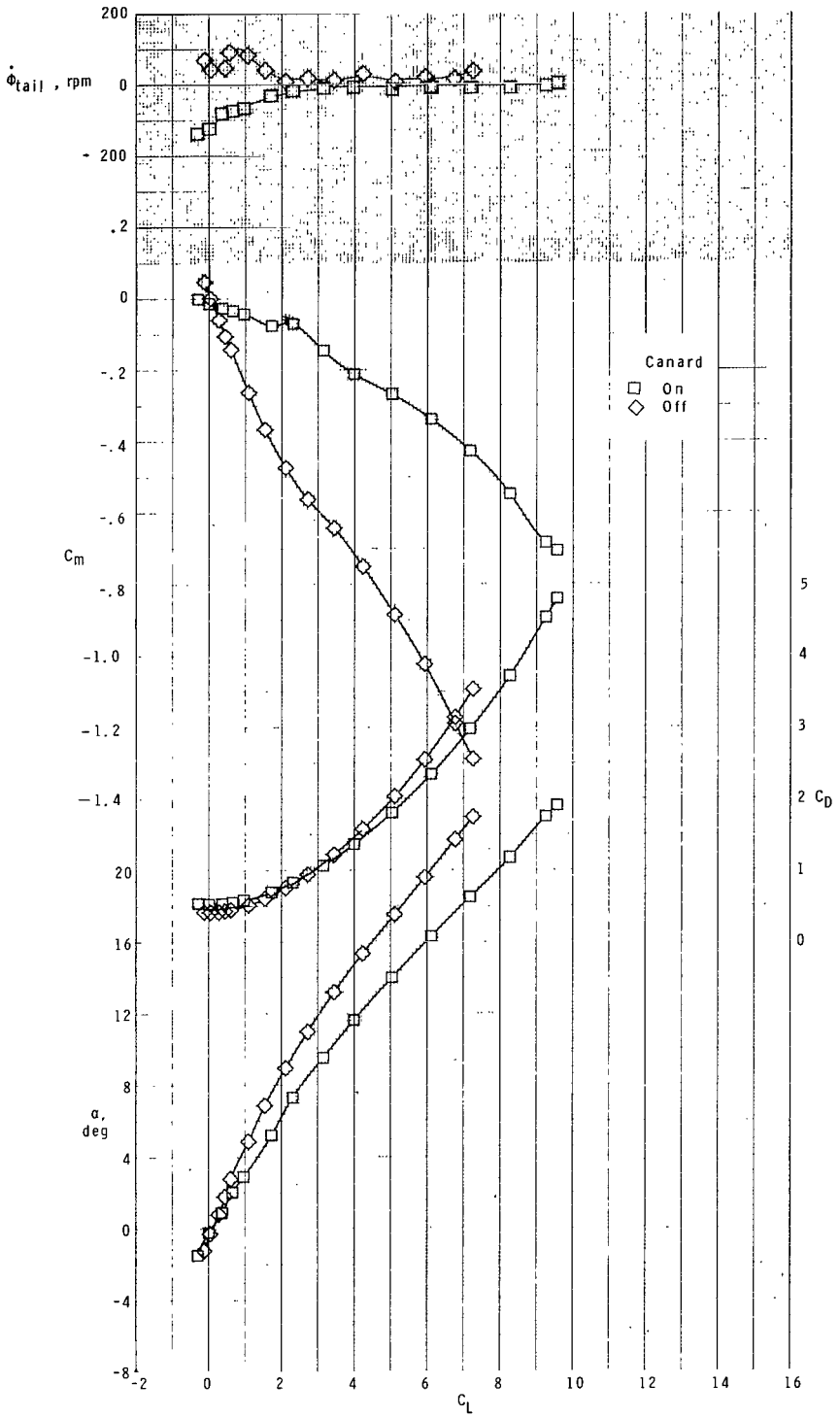


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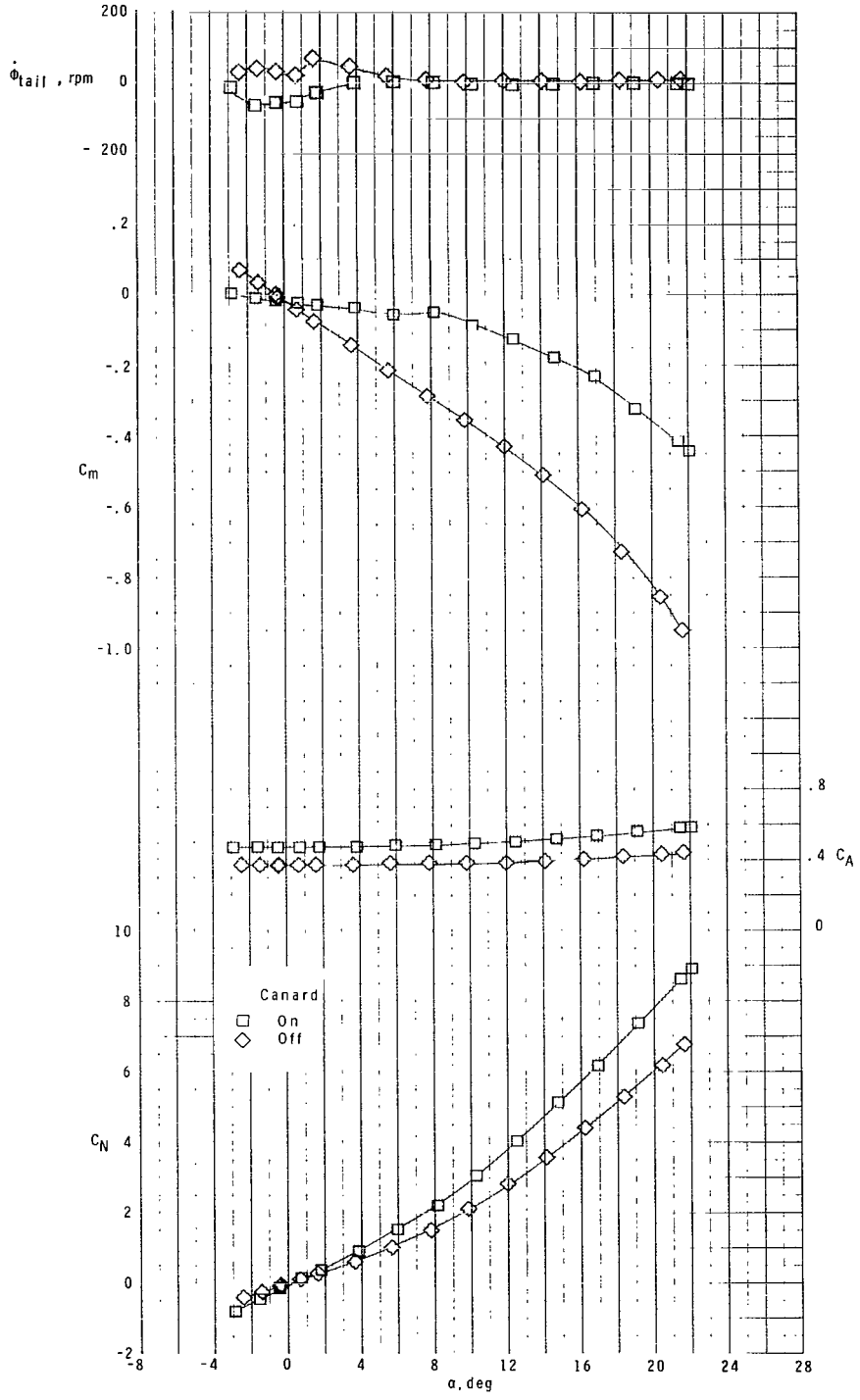


(d) M = 2.86.

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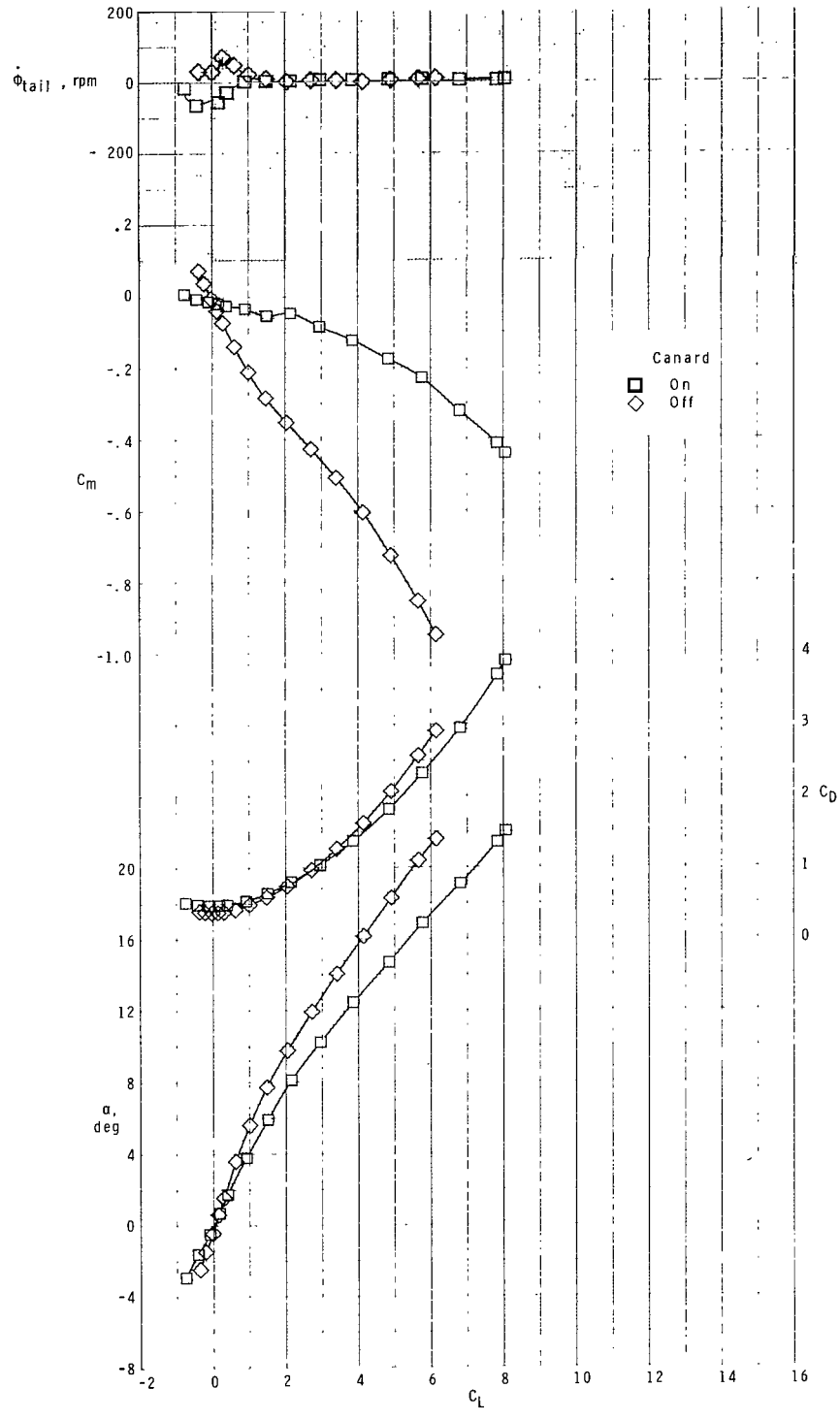


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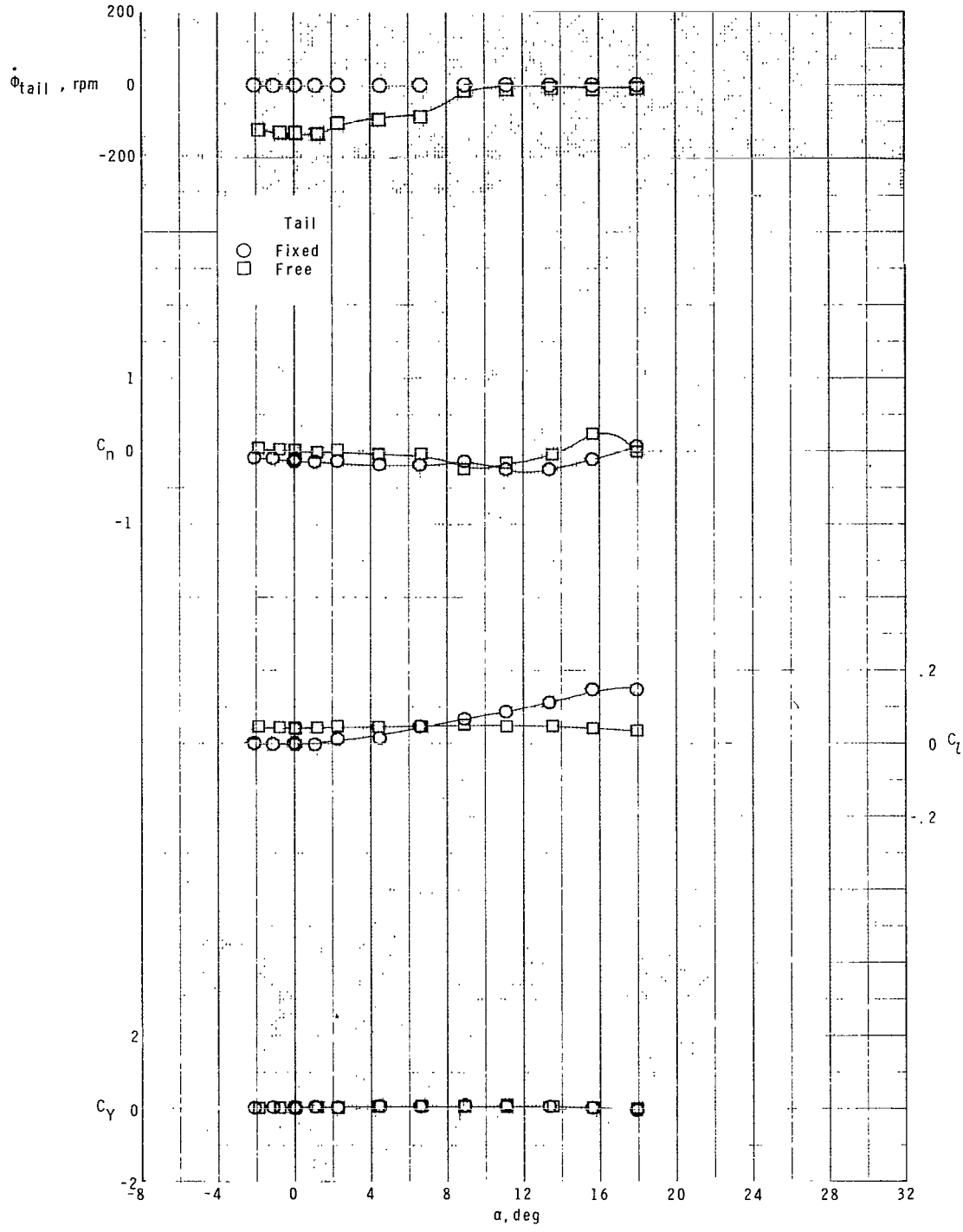
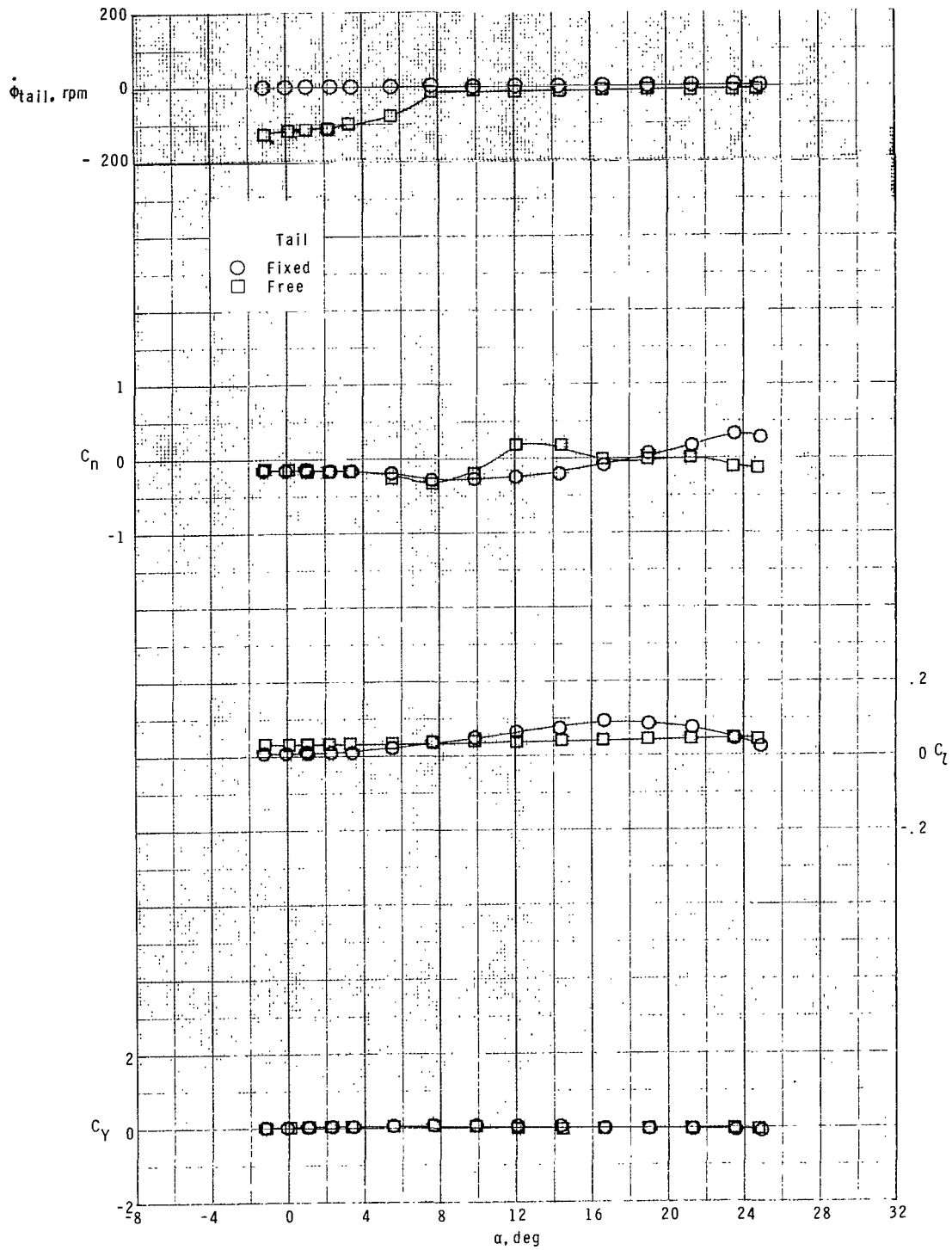



(a) M = 1.70.

Figure 7.- Effect of free-rolling tail on lateral aerodynamic characteristics of model with zero control deflection at $\phi_c = 0^o$.

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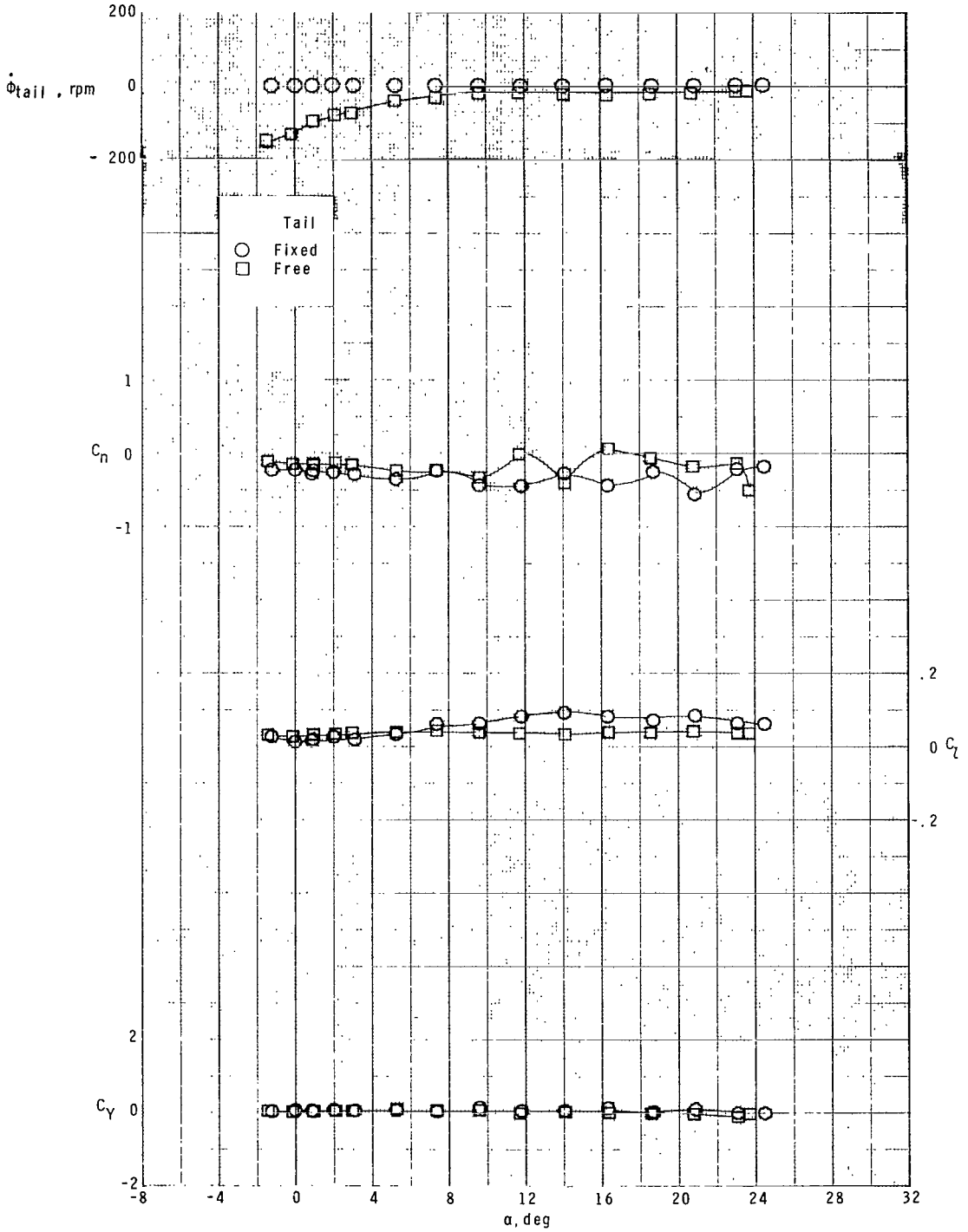


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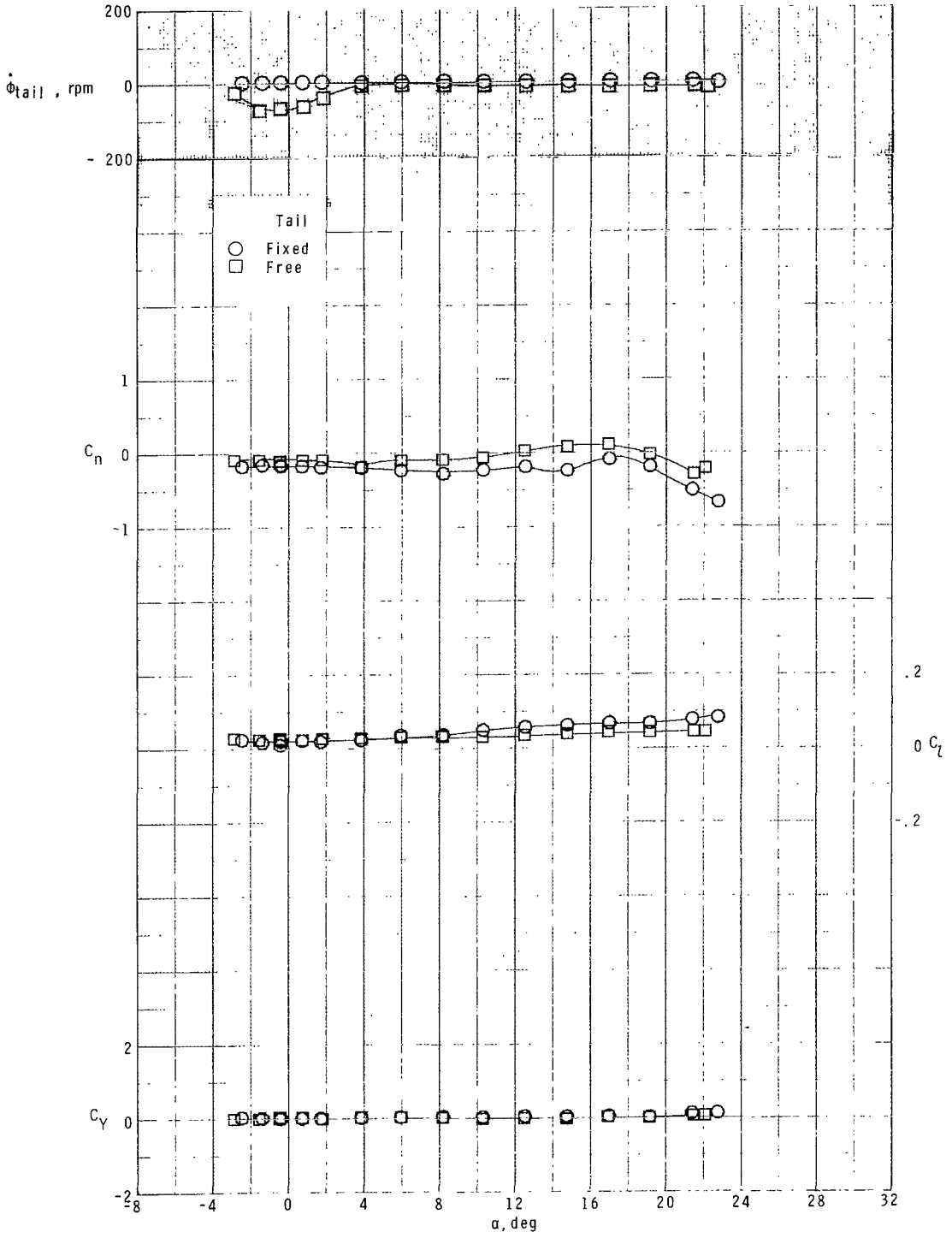


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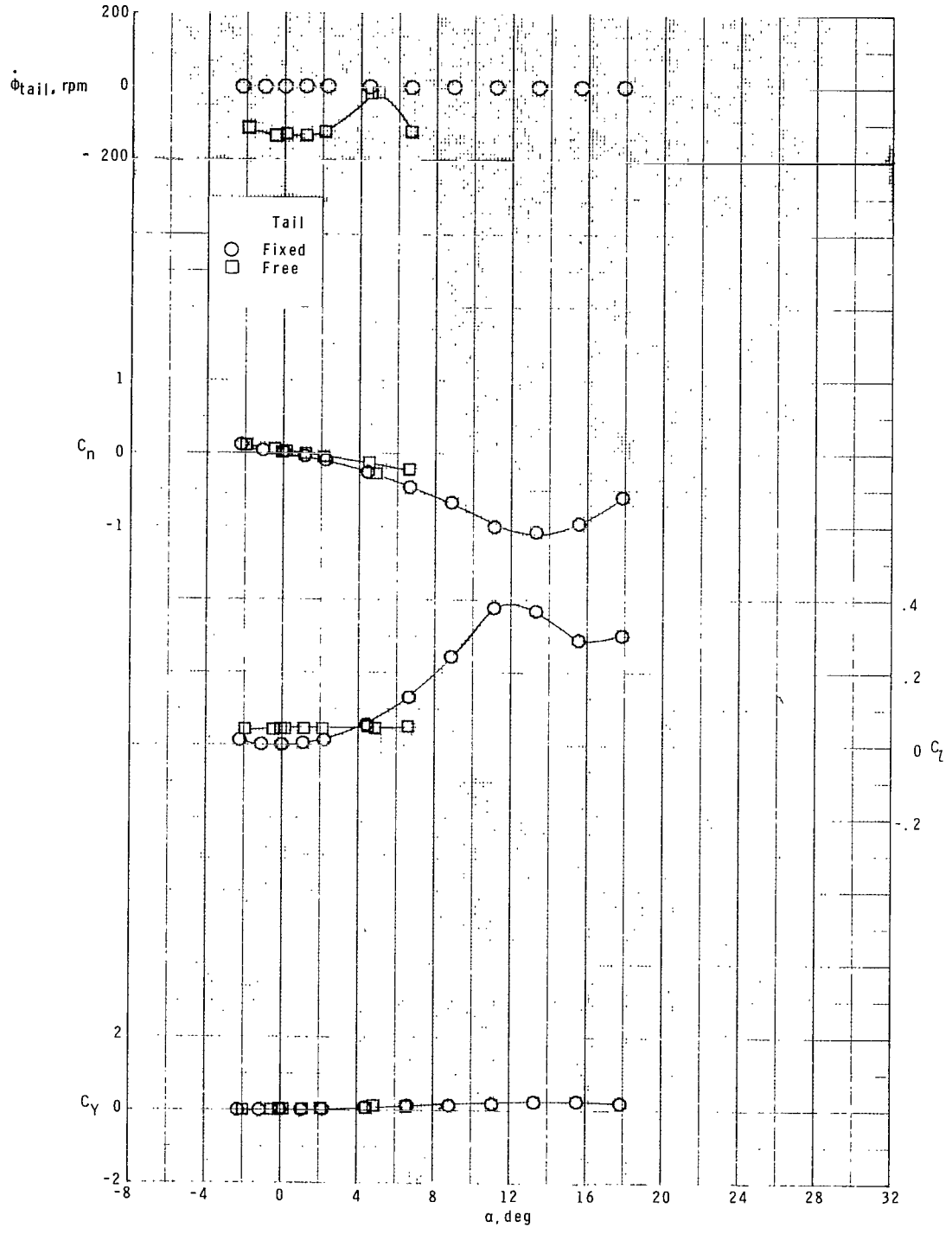


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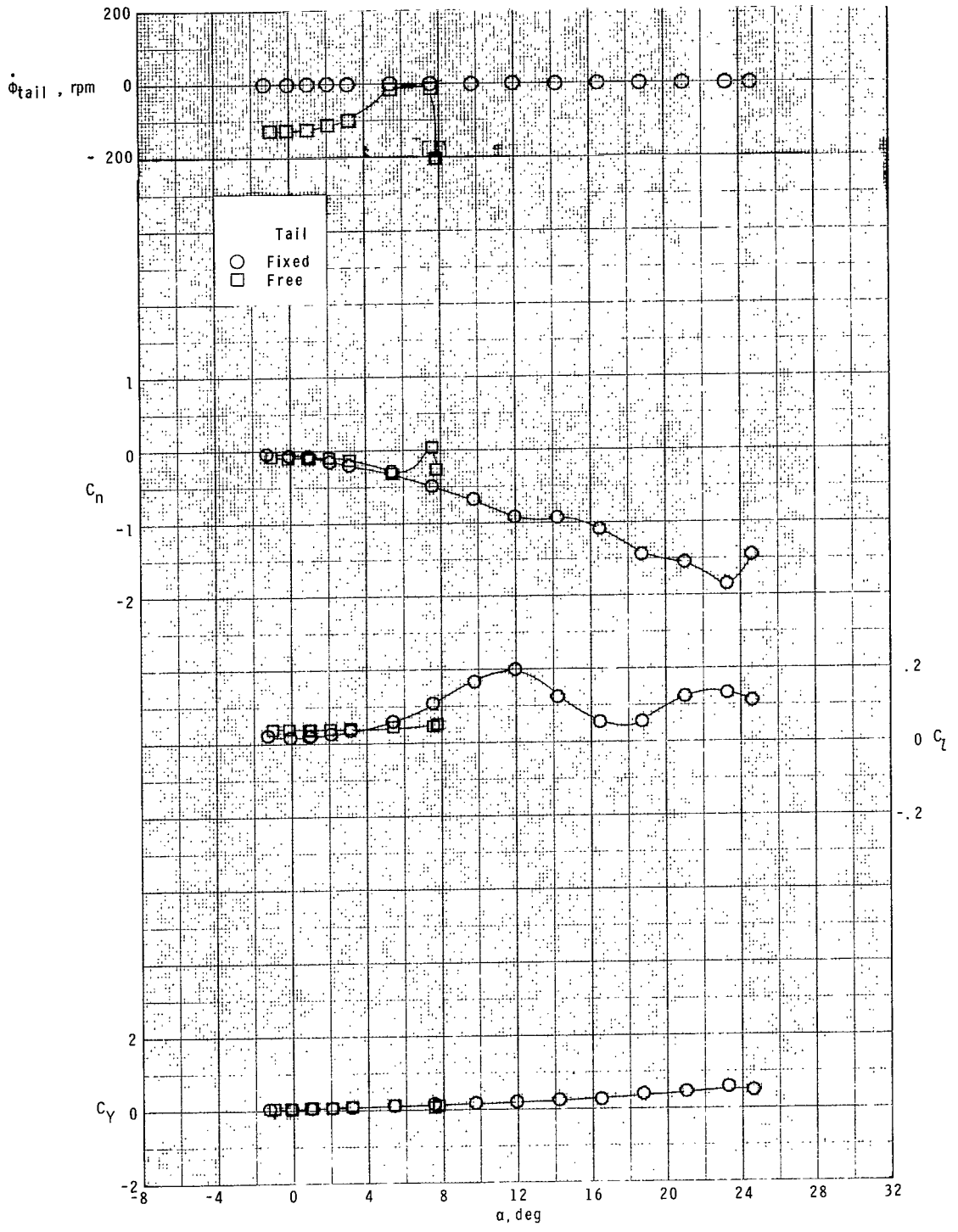
Figure 8.- Effect of free-rolling tail on lateral aerodynamic characteristics of model with zero control deflection at $\phi_c = 26.6^o$.

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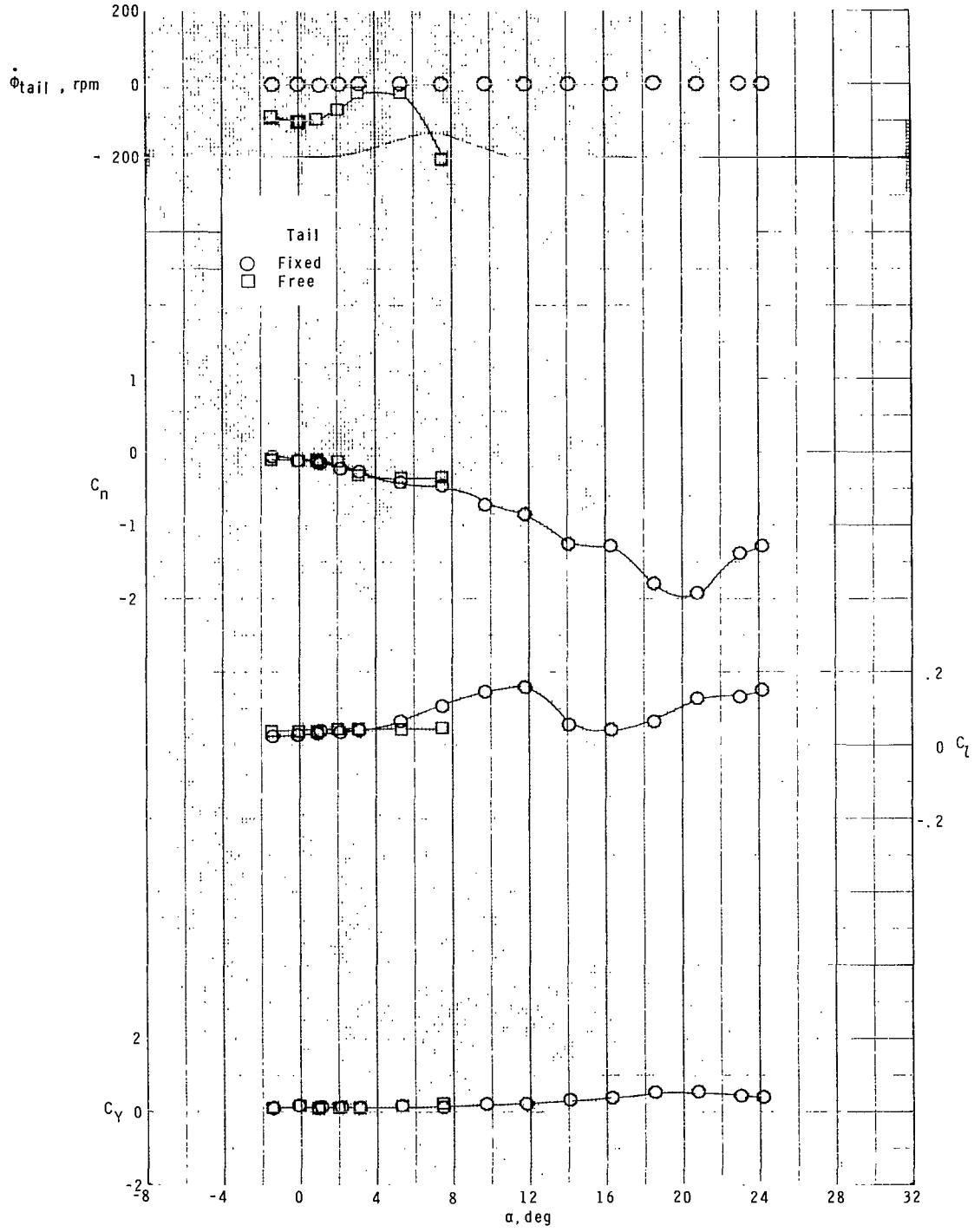


(c) M = 2.36.

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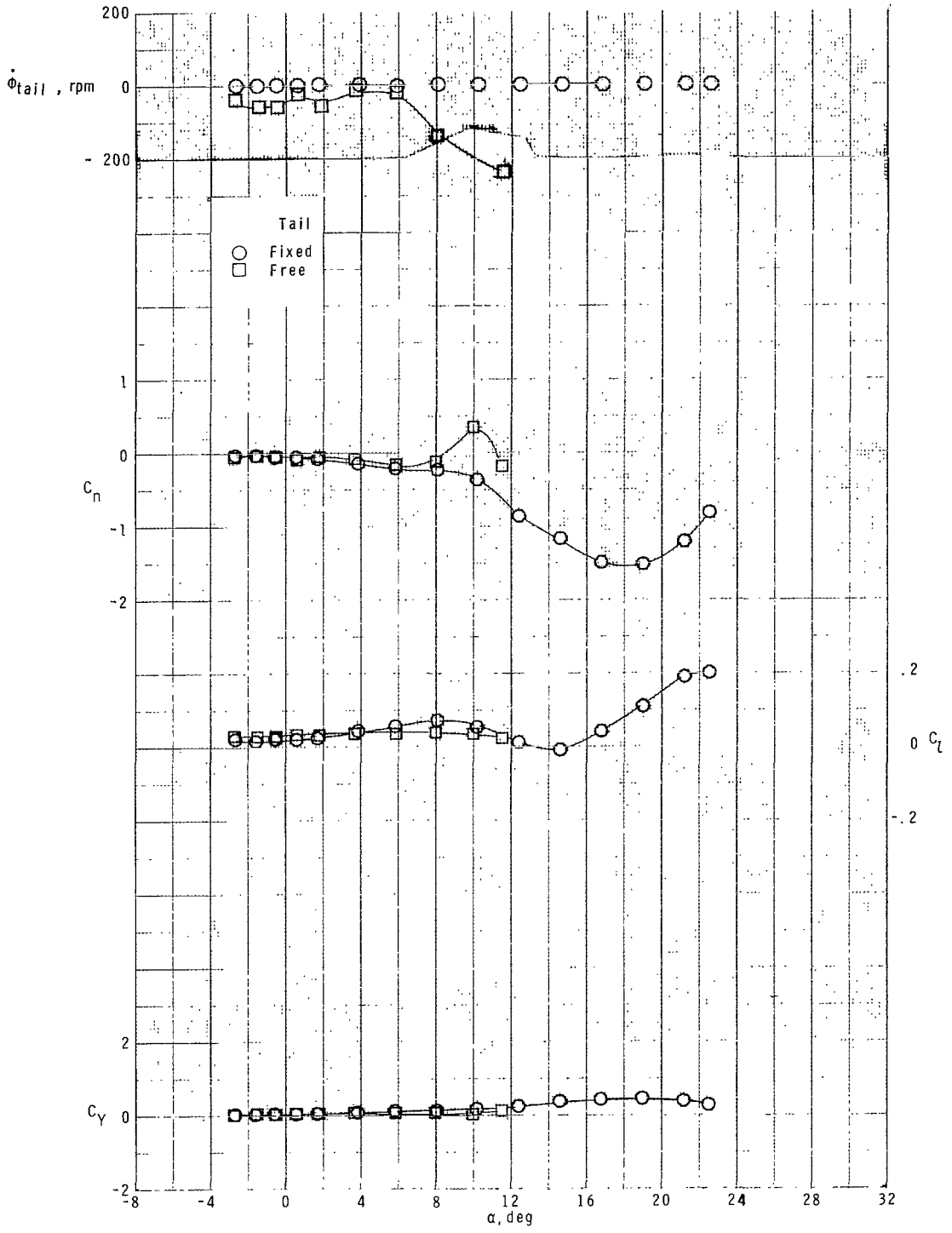


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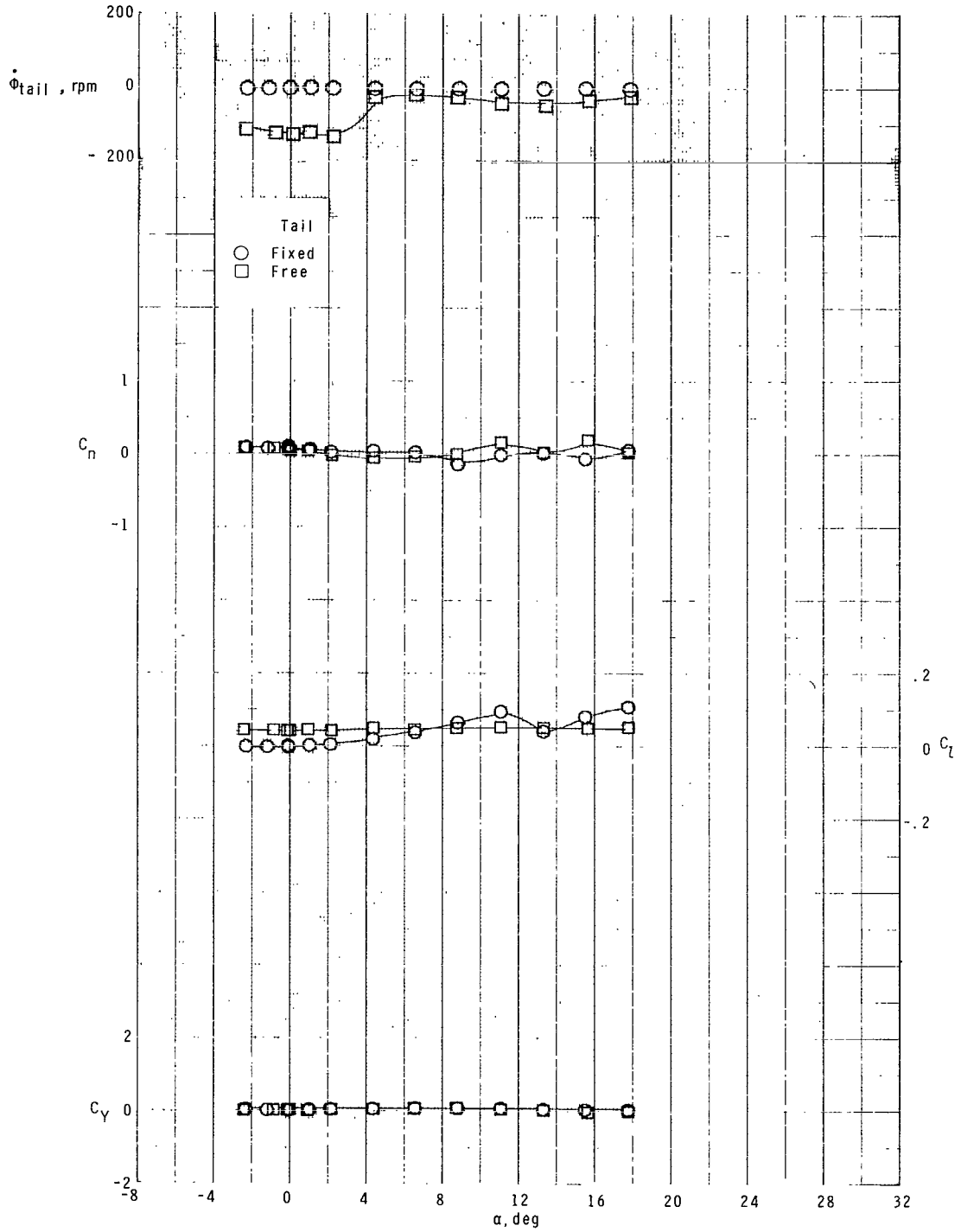


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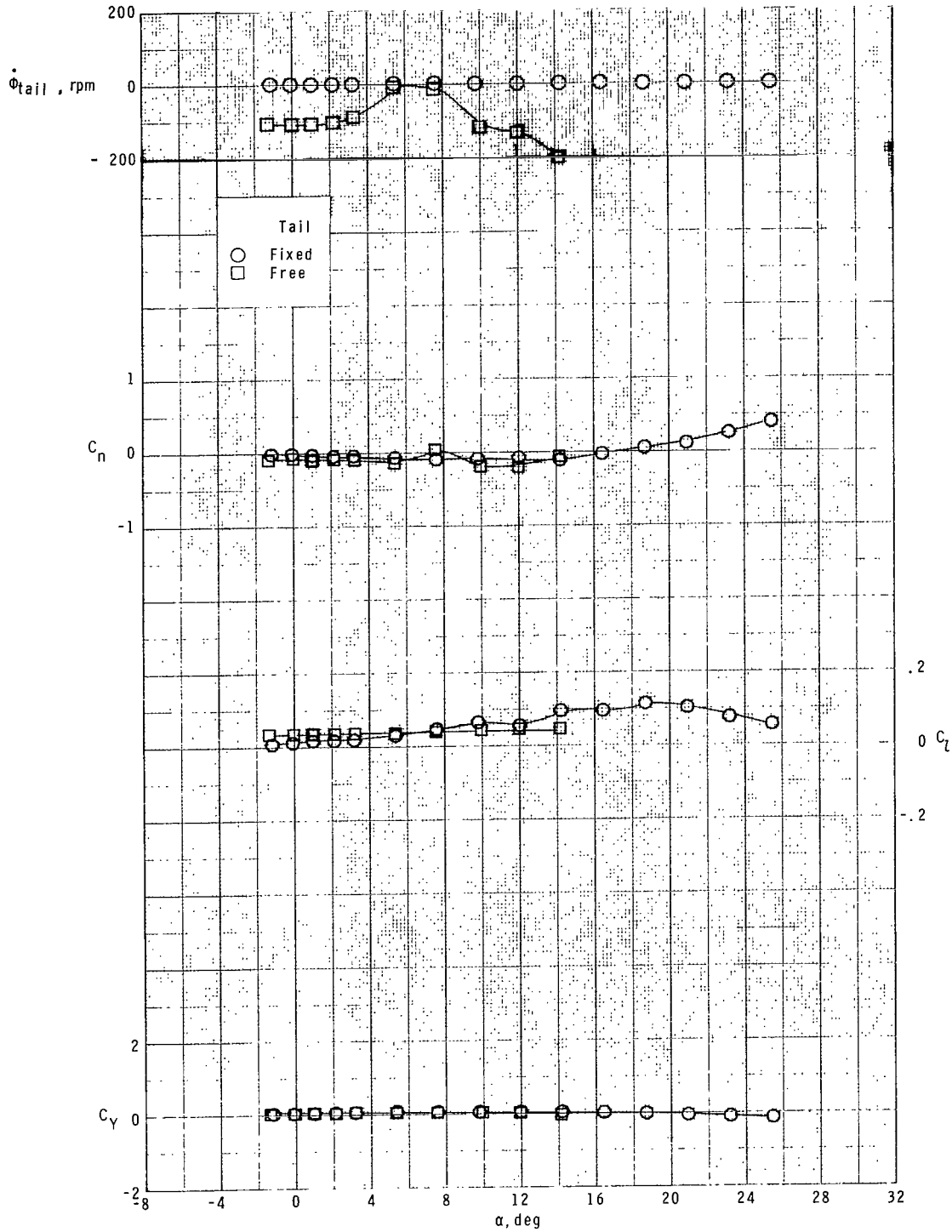
Figure 9.- Effect of free-rolling tail on lateral aerodynamic characteristics of model with zero control deflection at $\phi_c = 45^o$.

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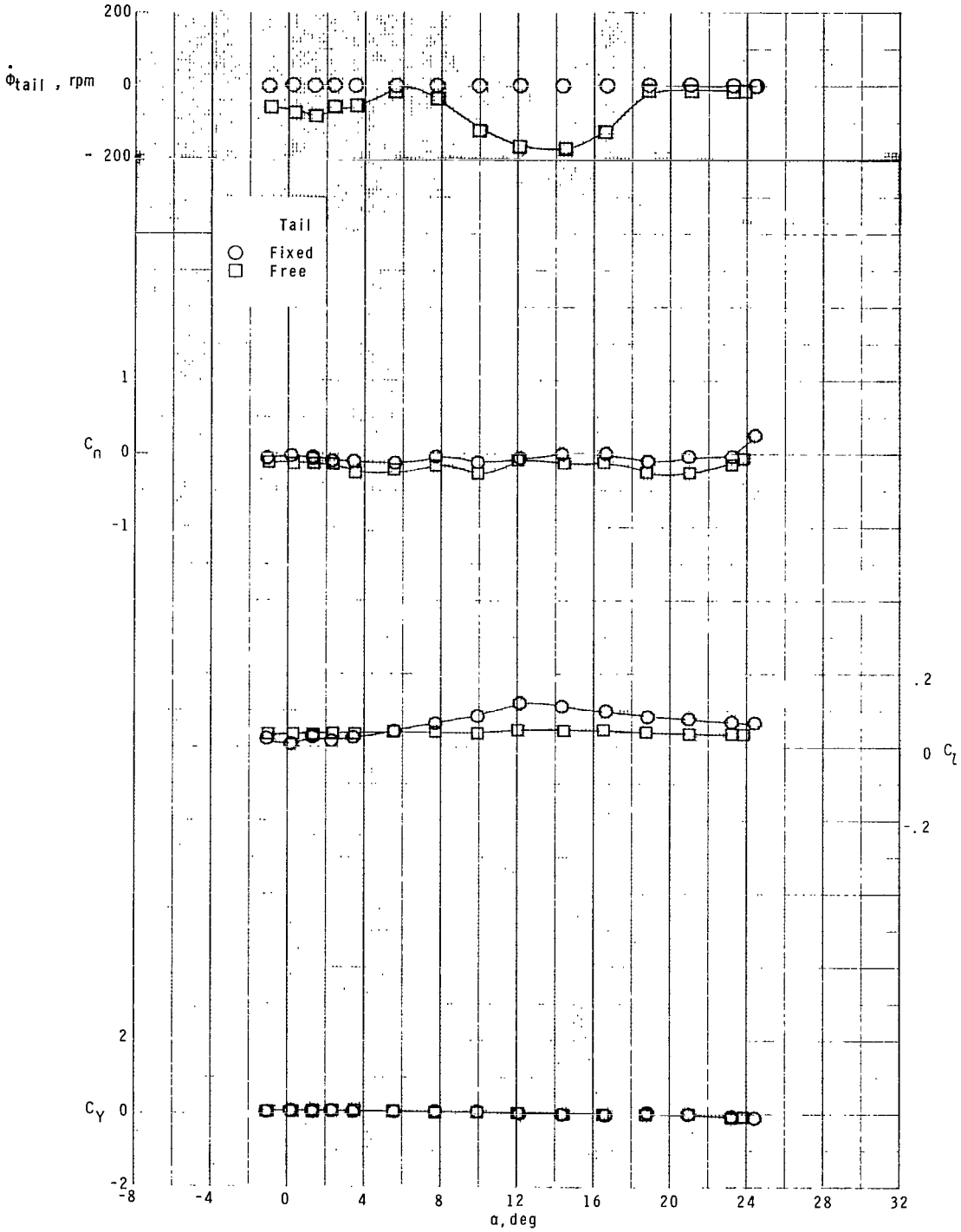


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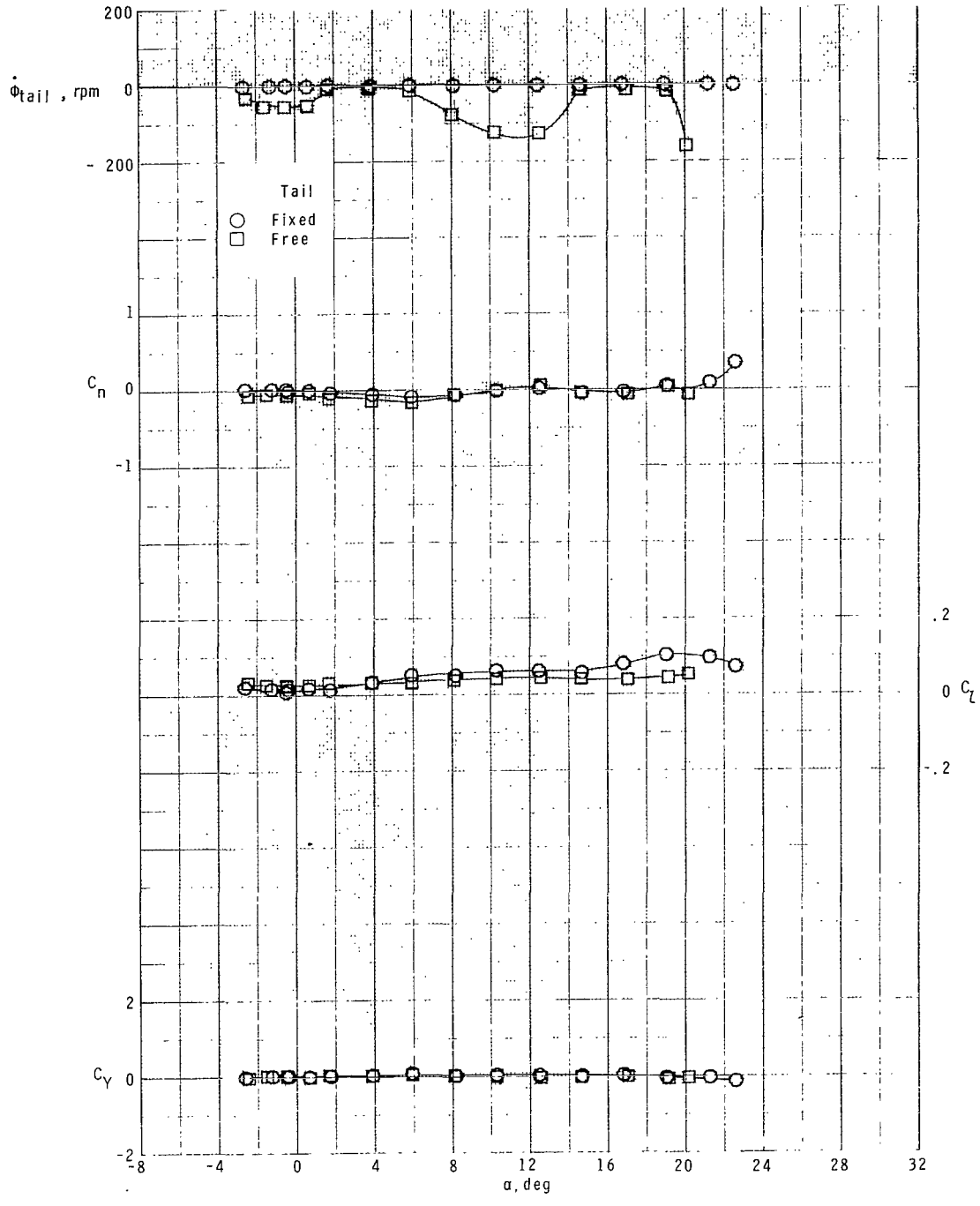


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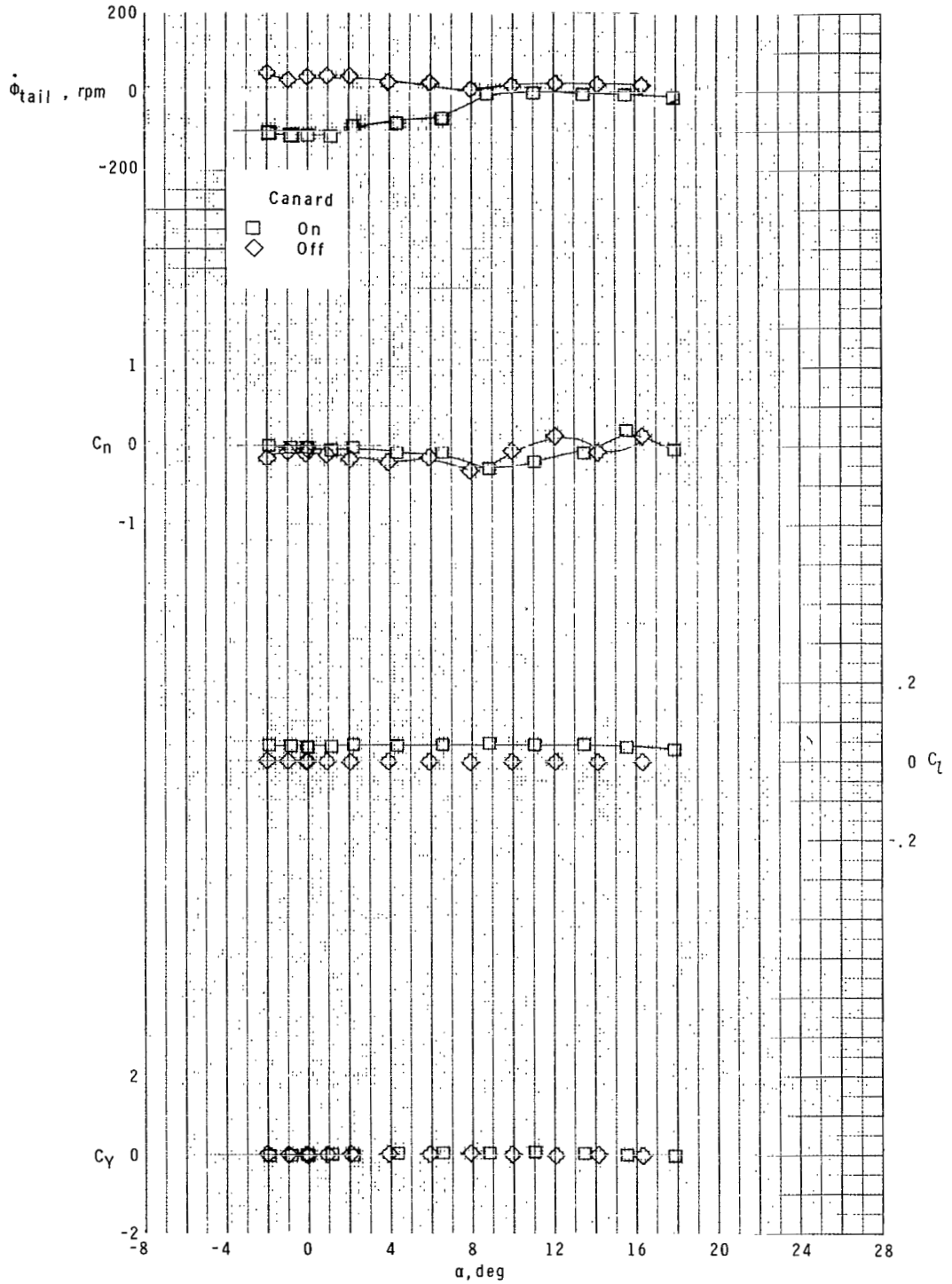


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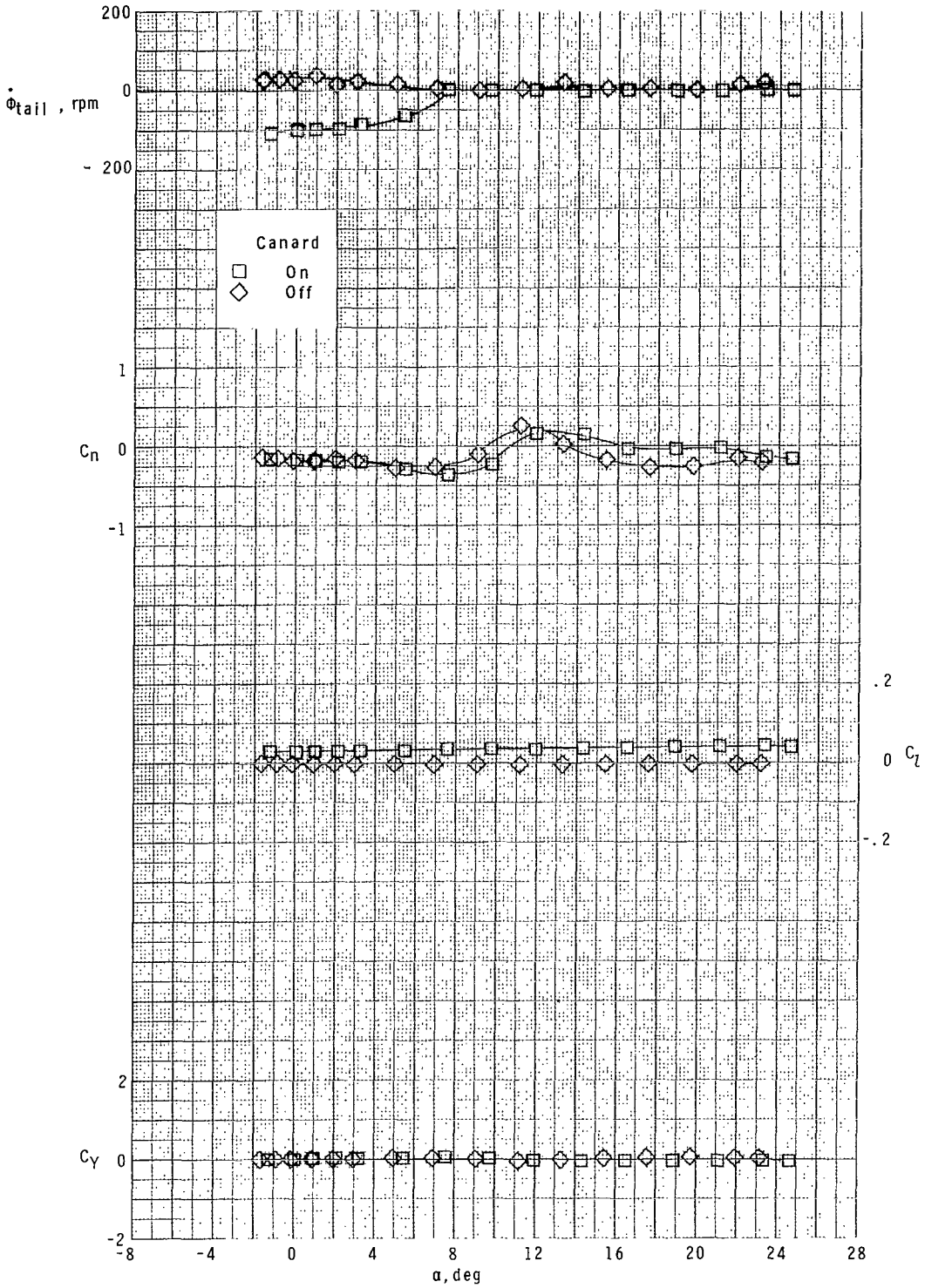


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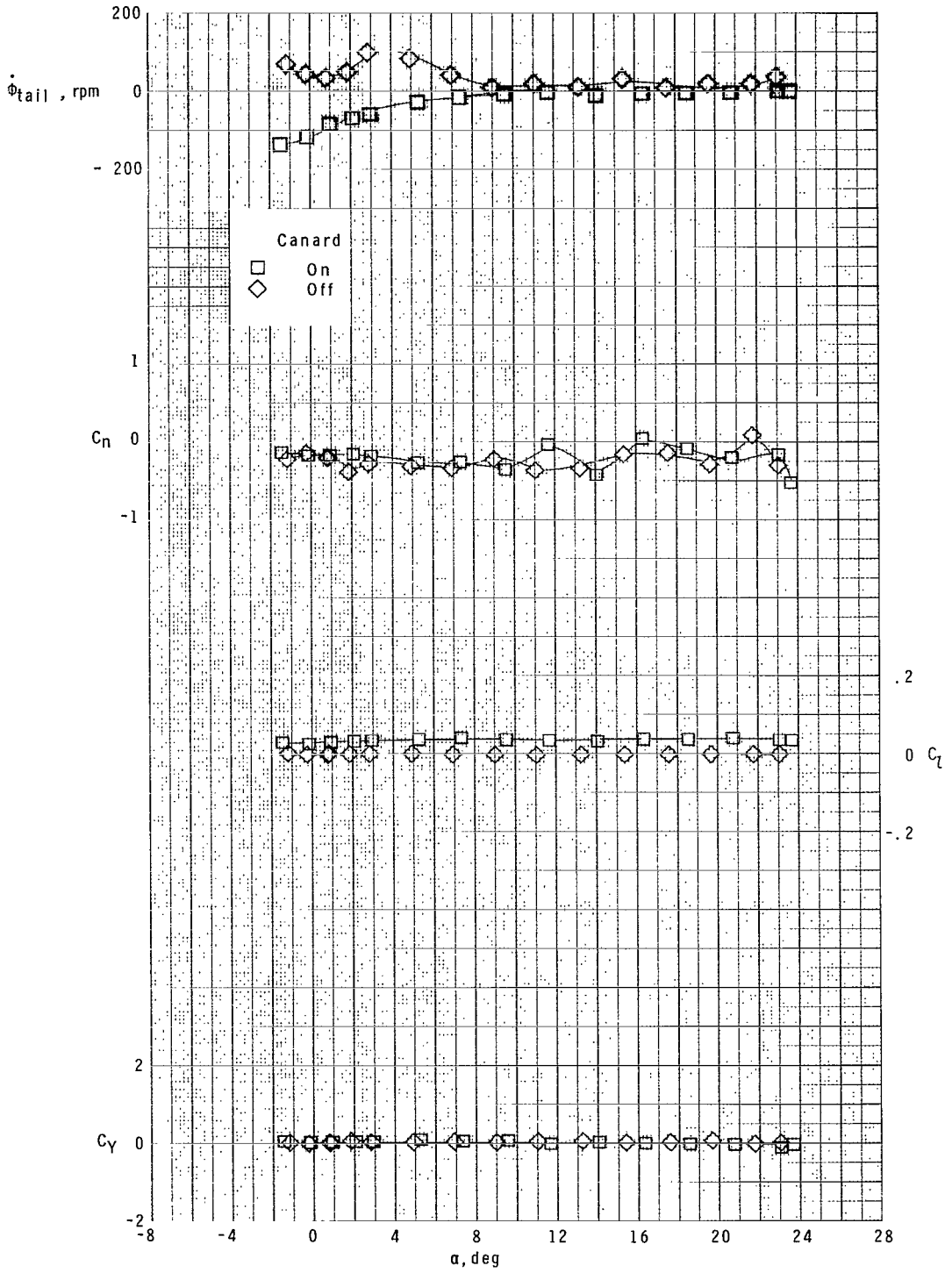


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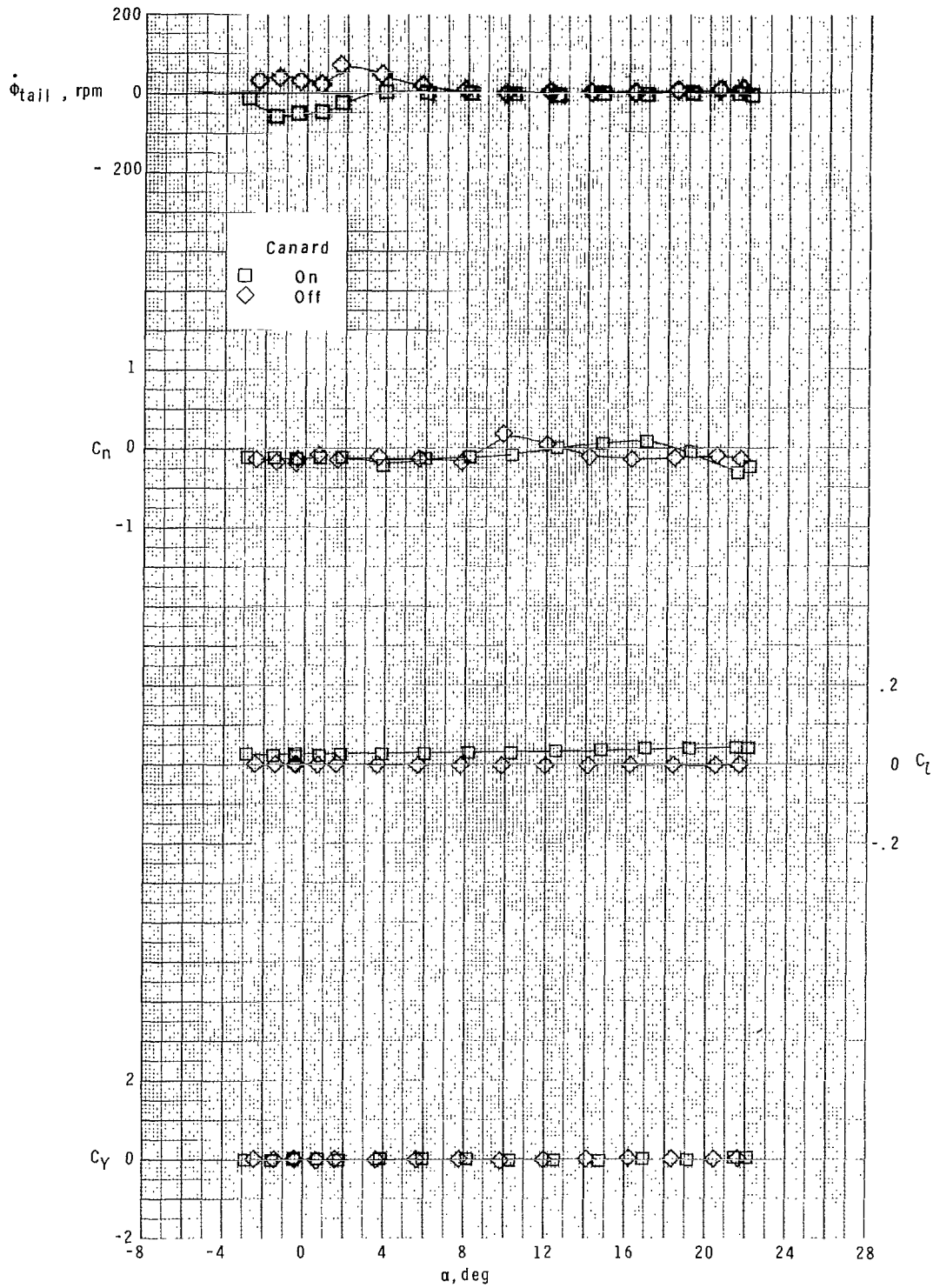


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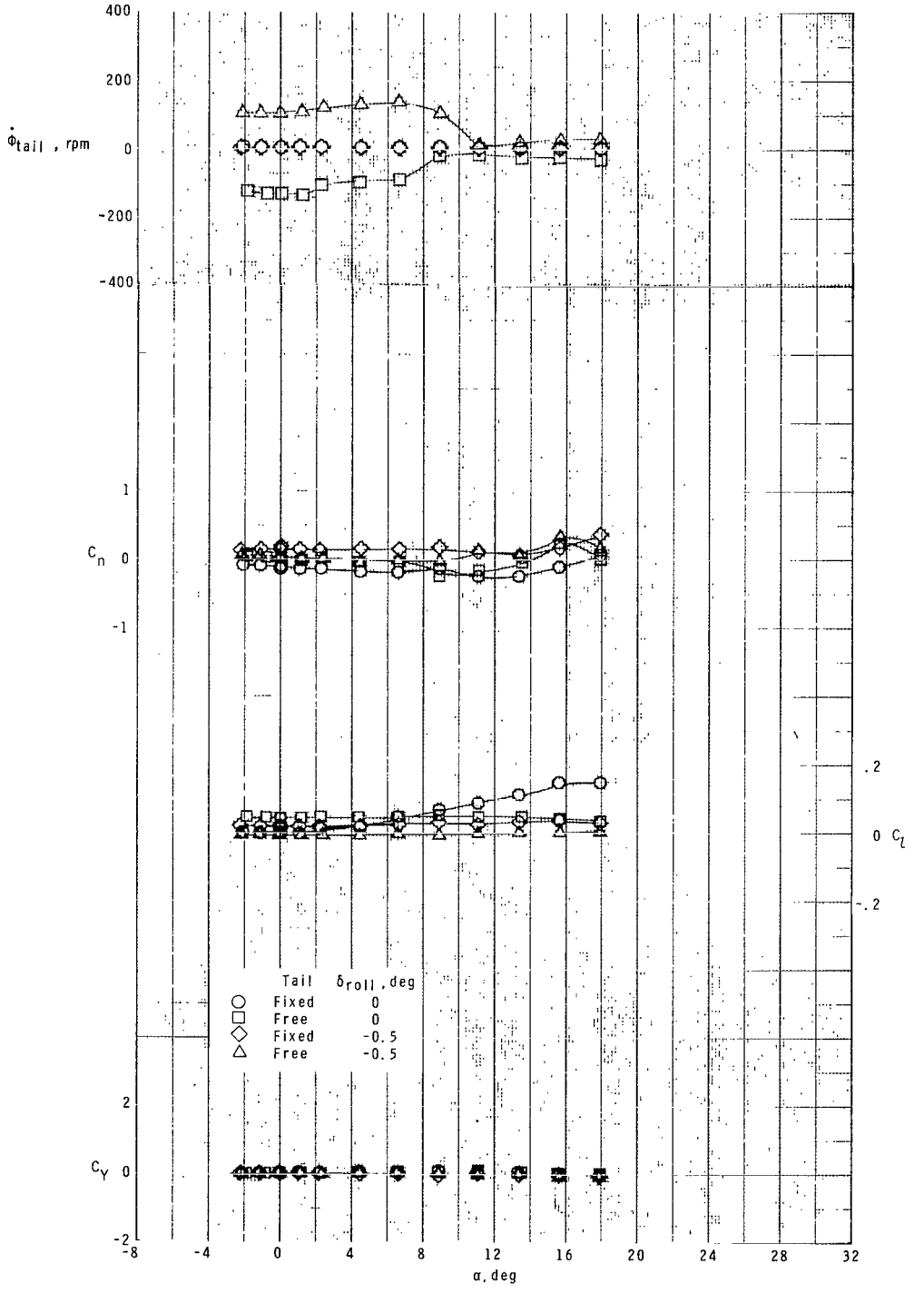


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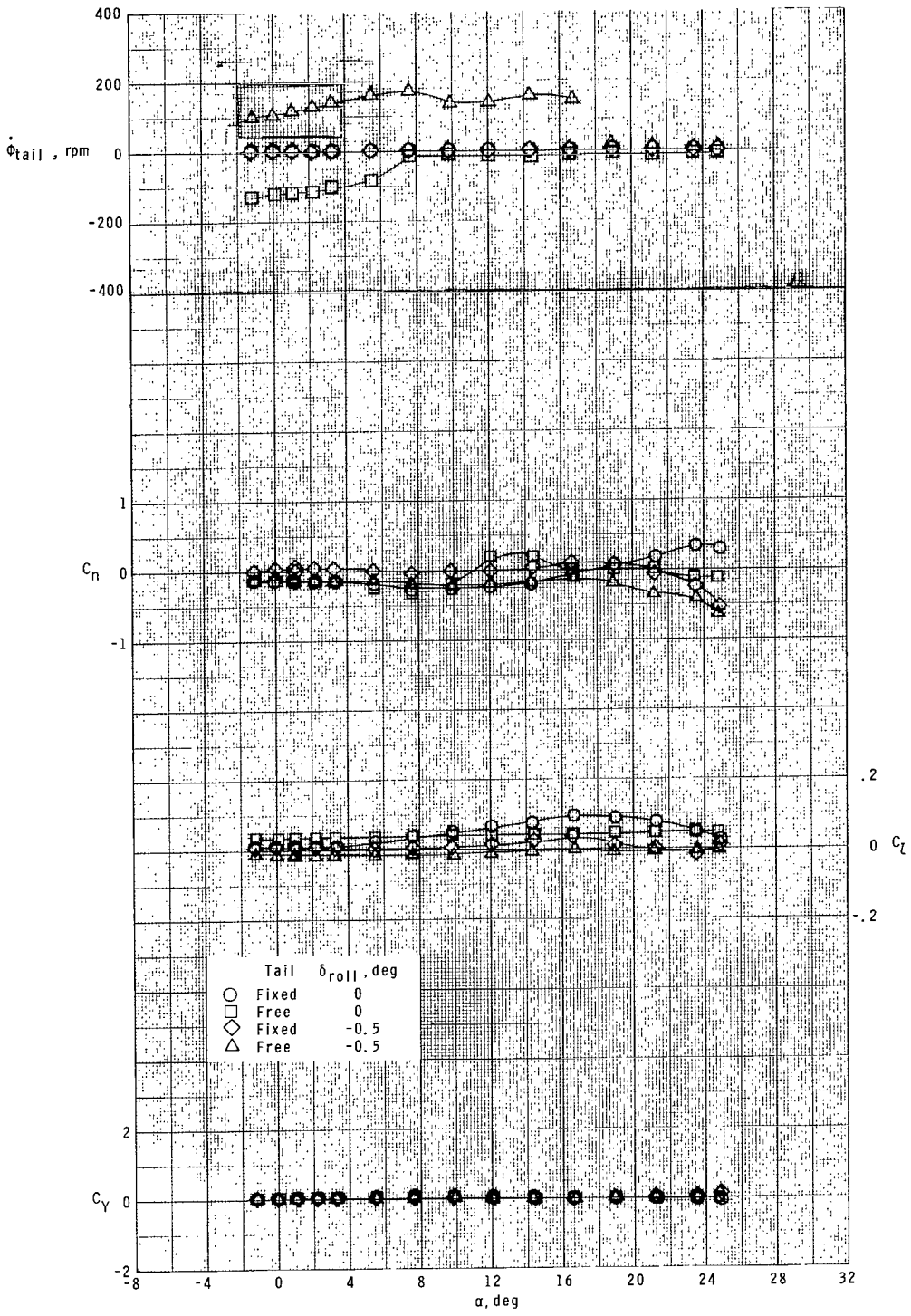


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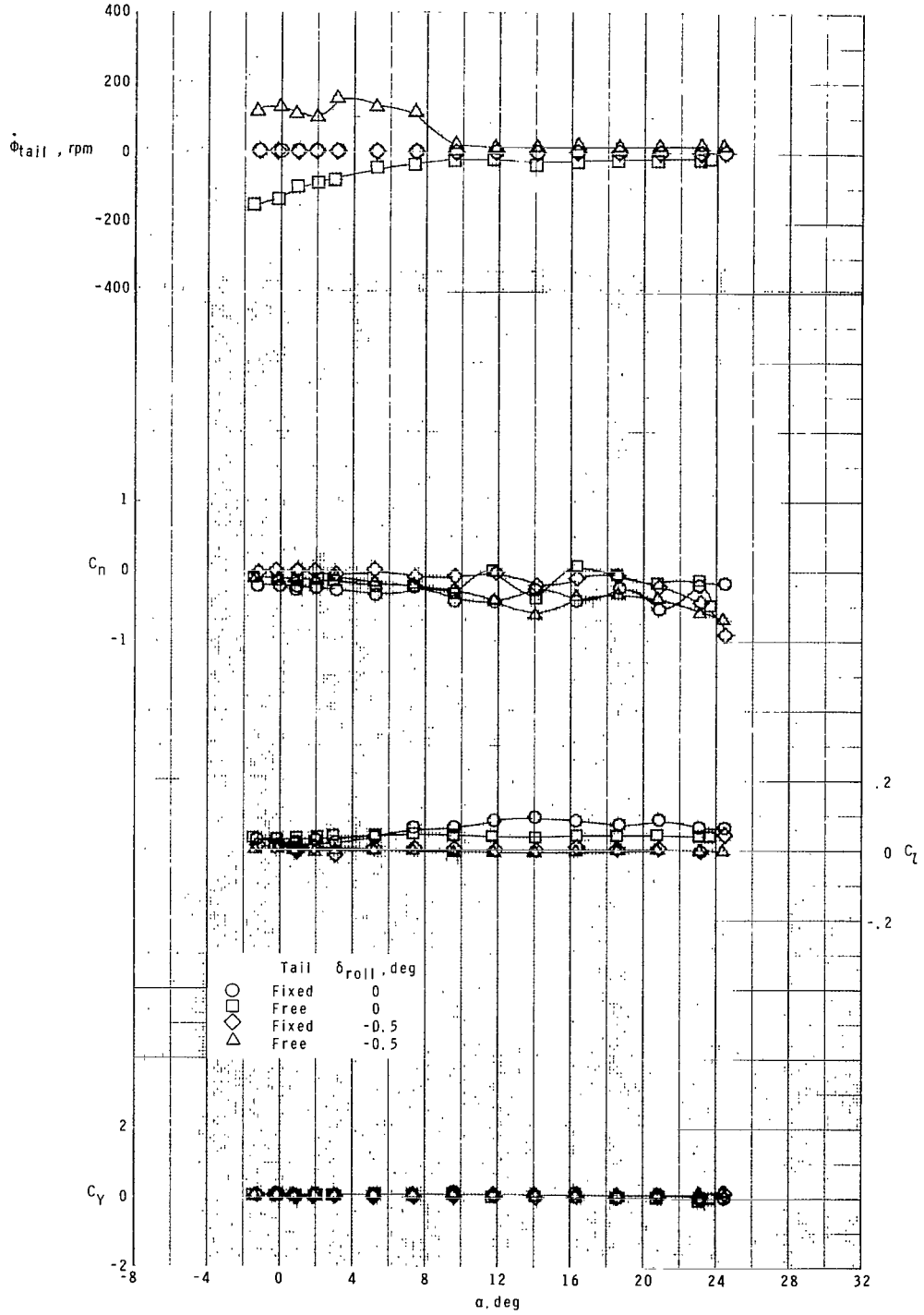


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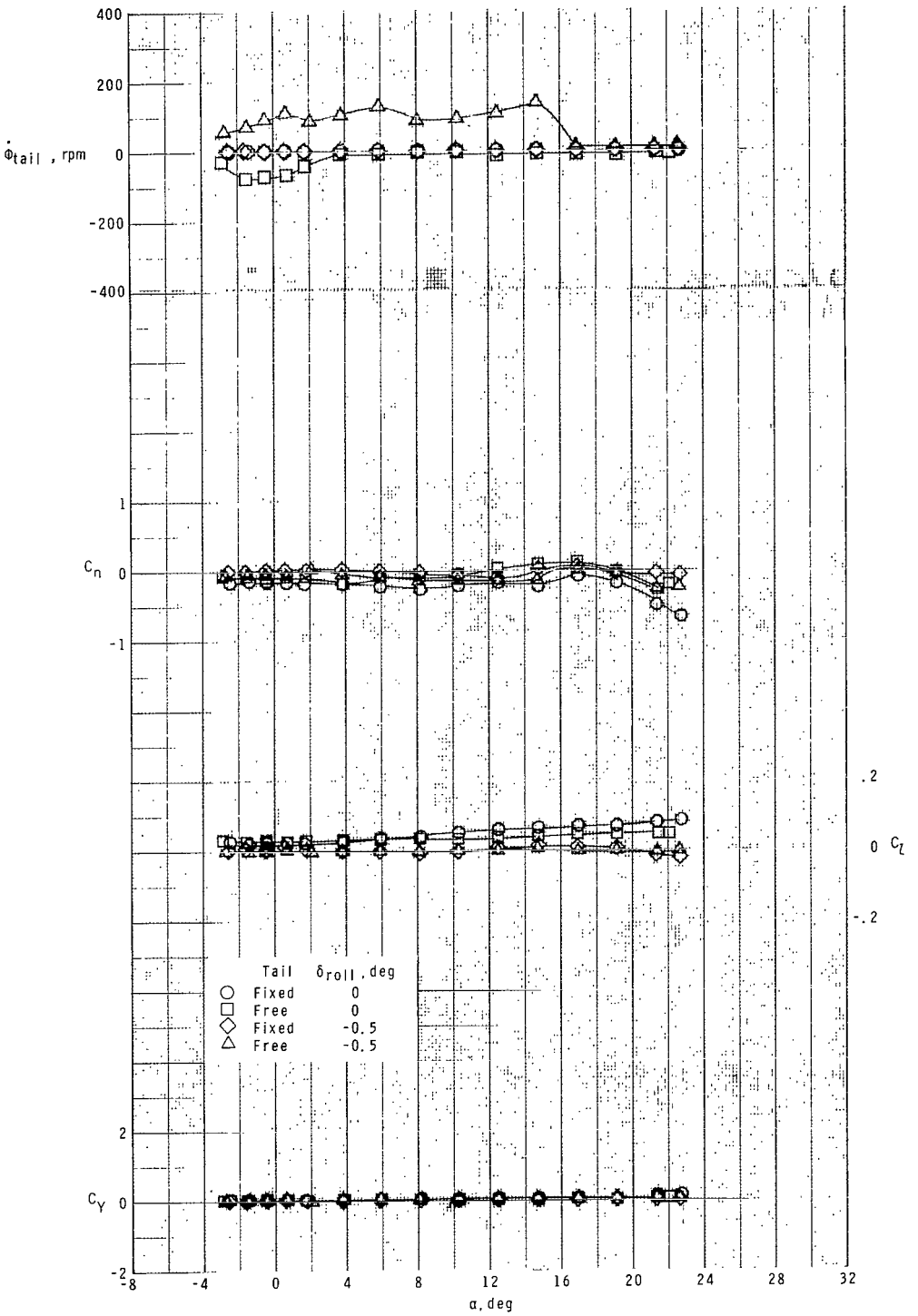


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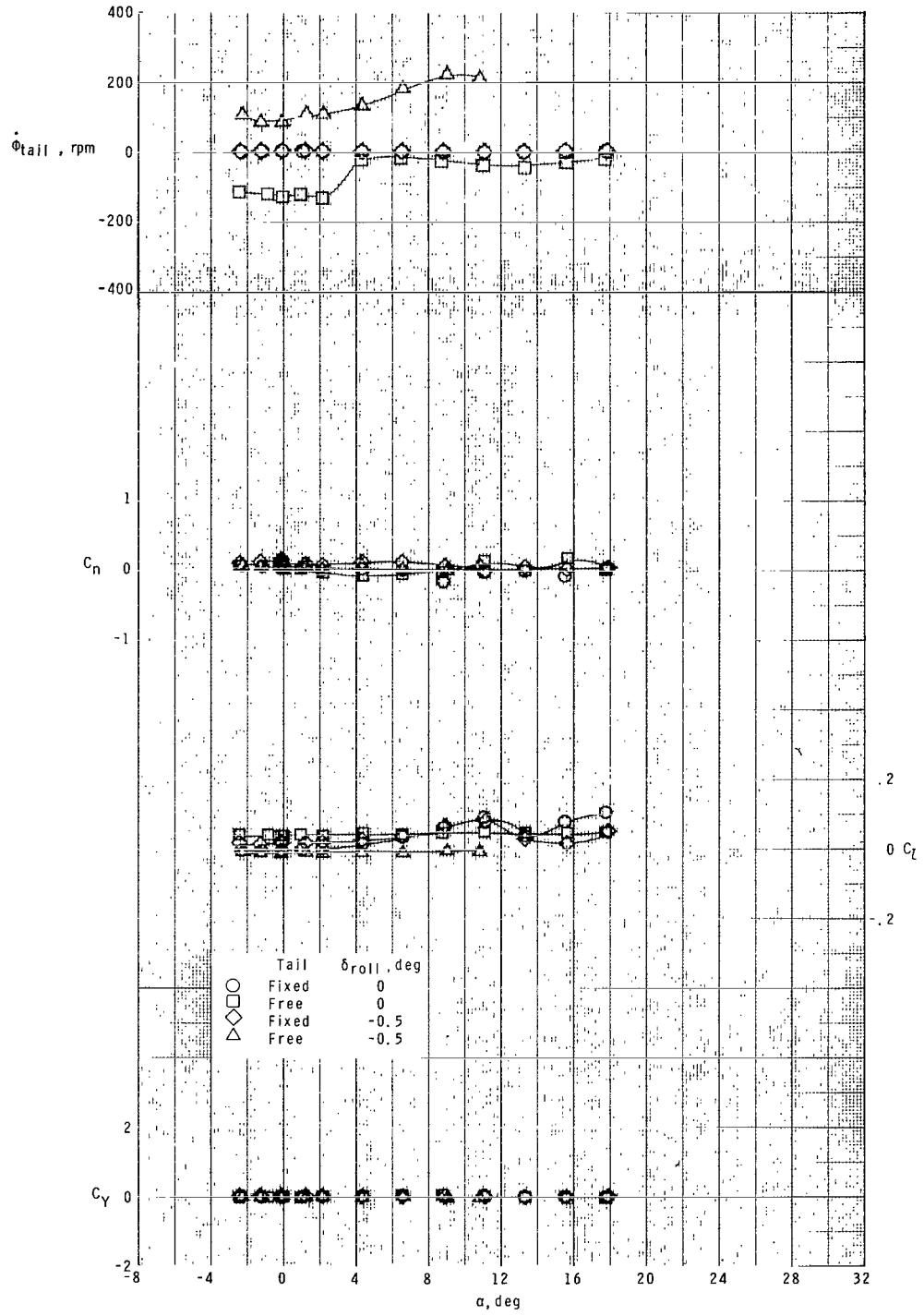


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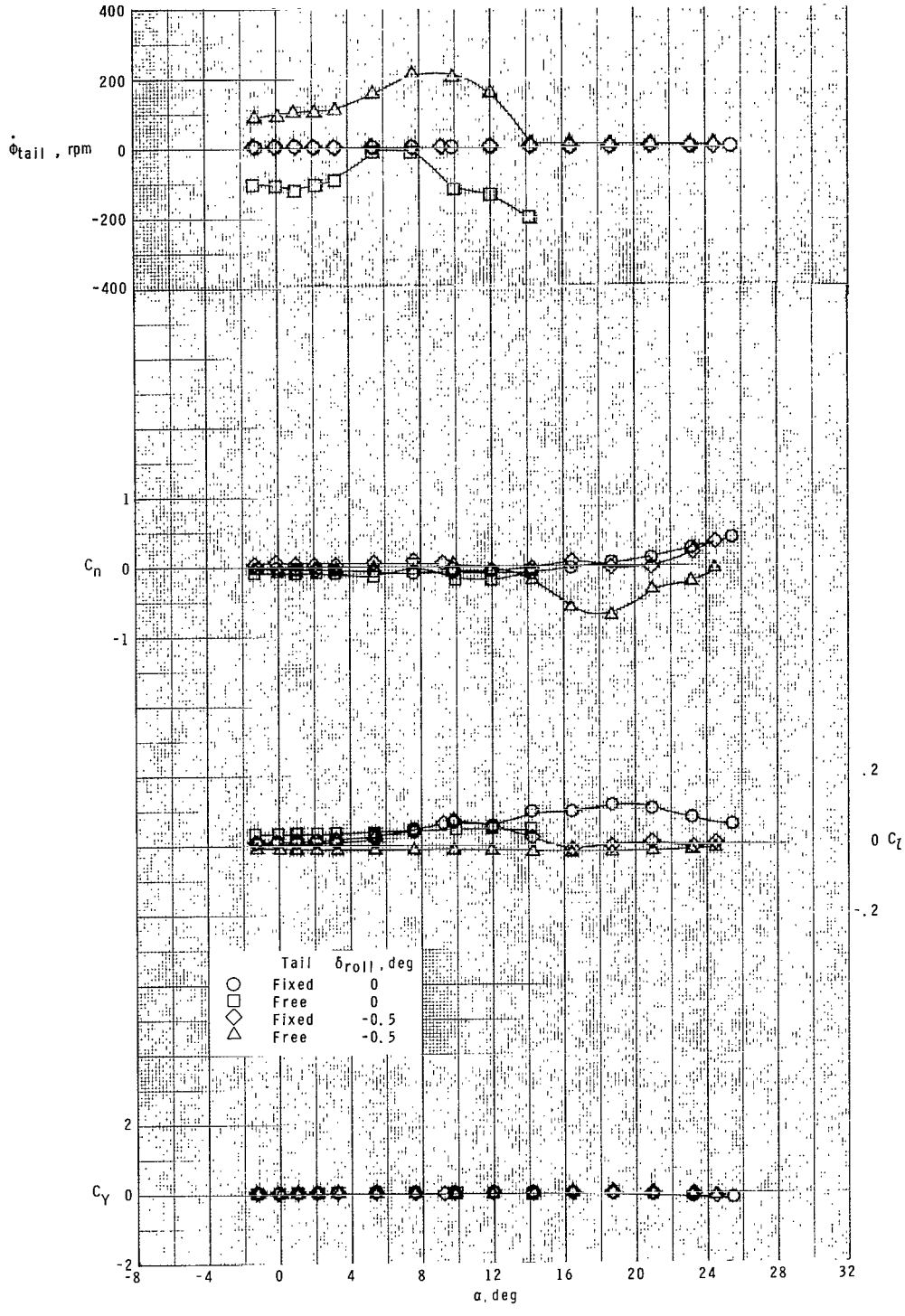


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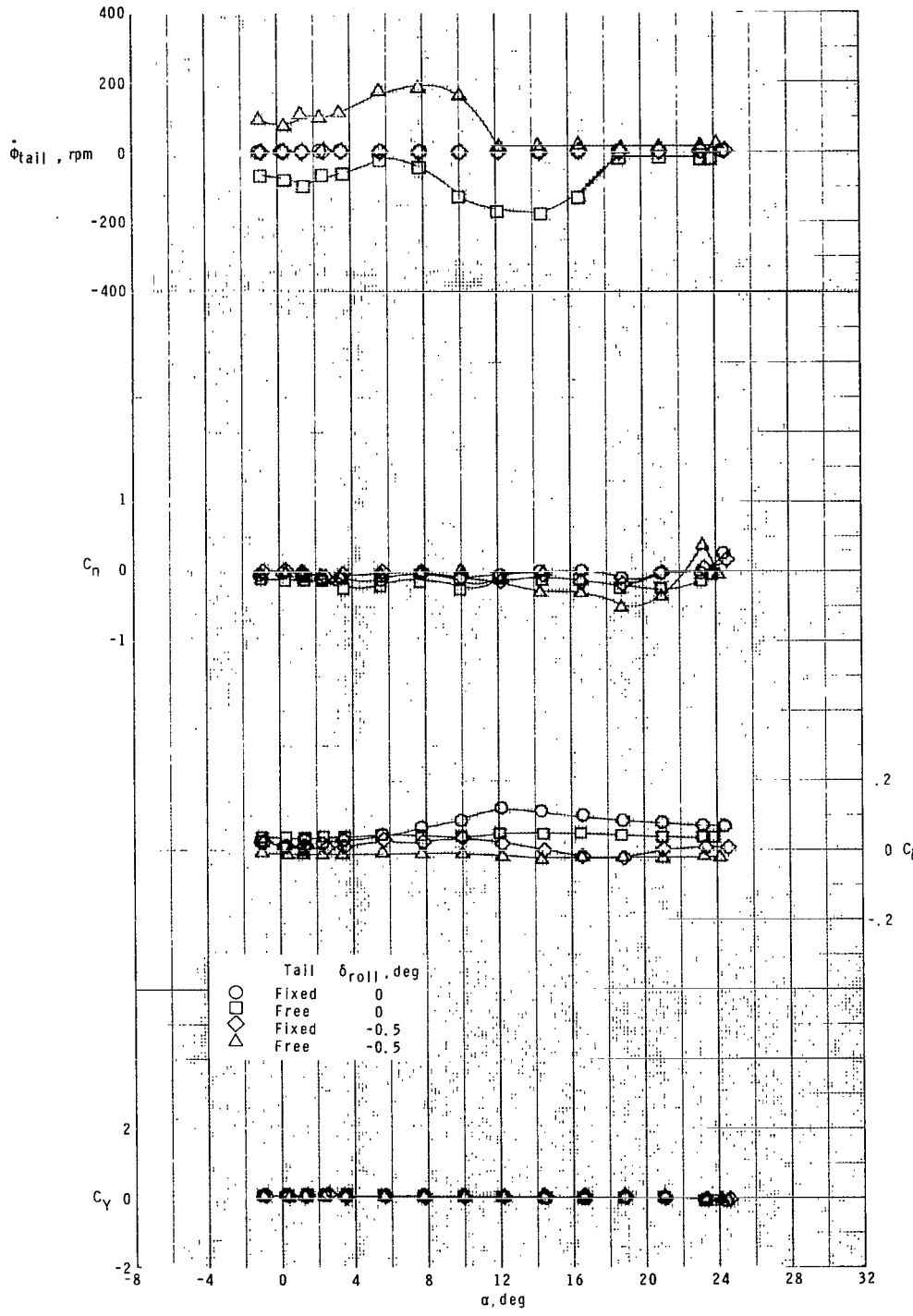


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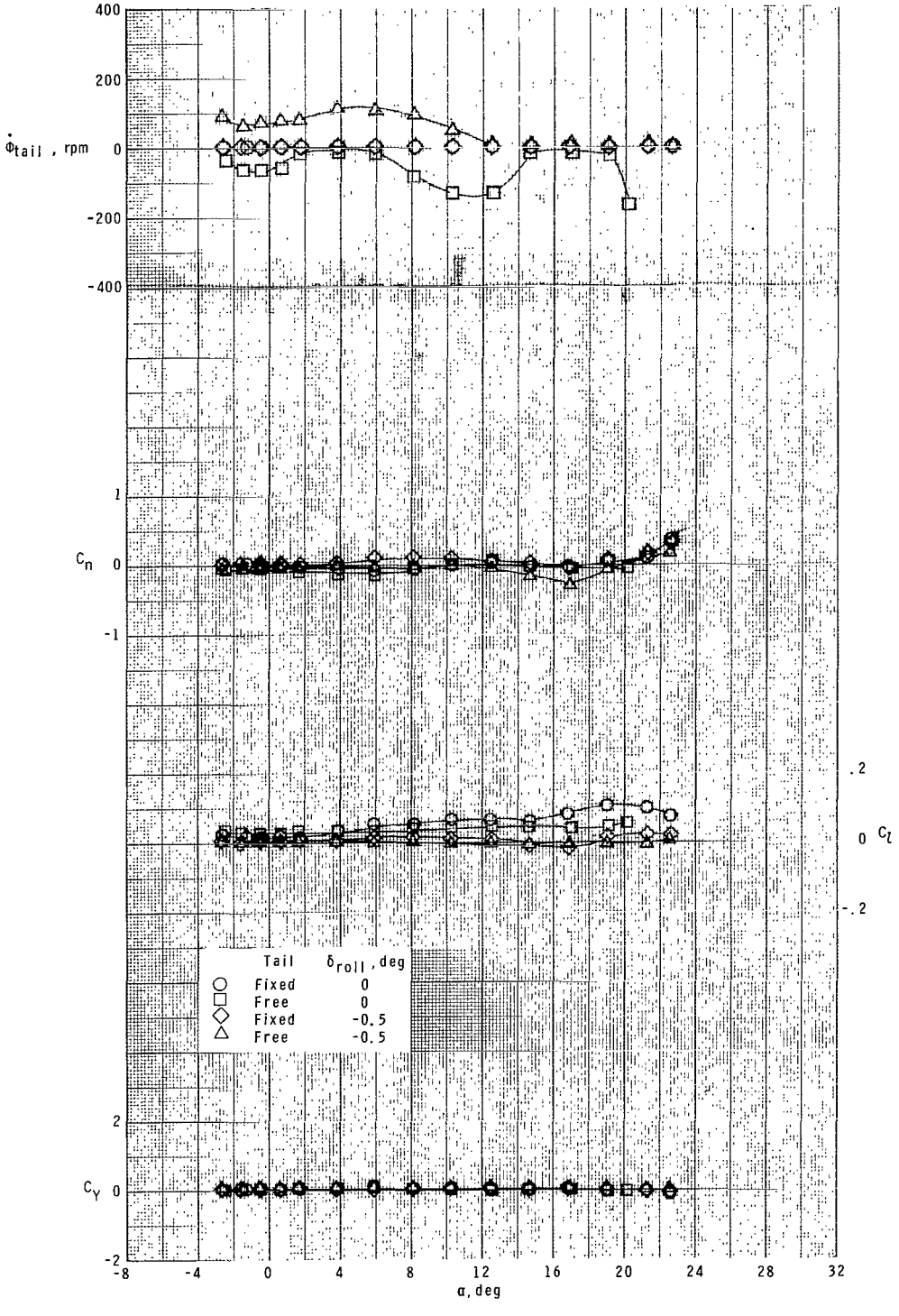


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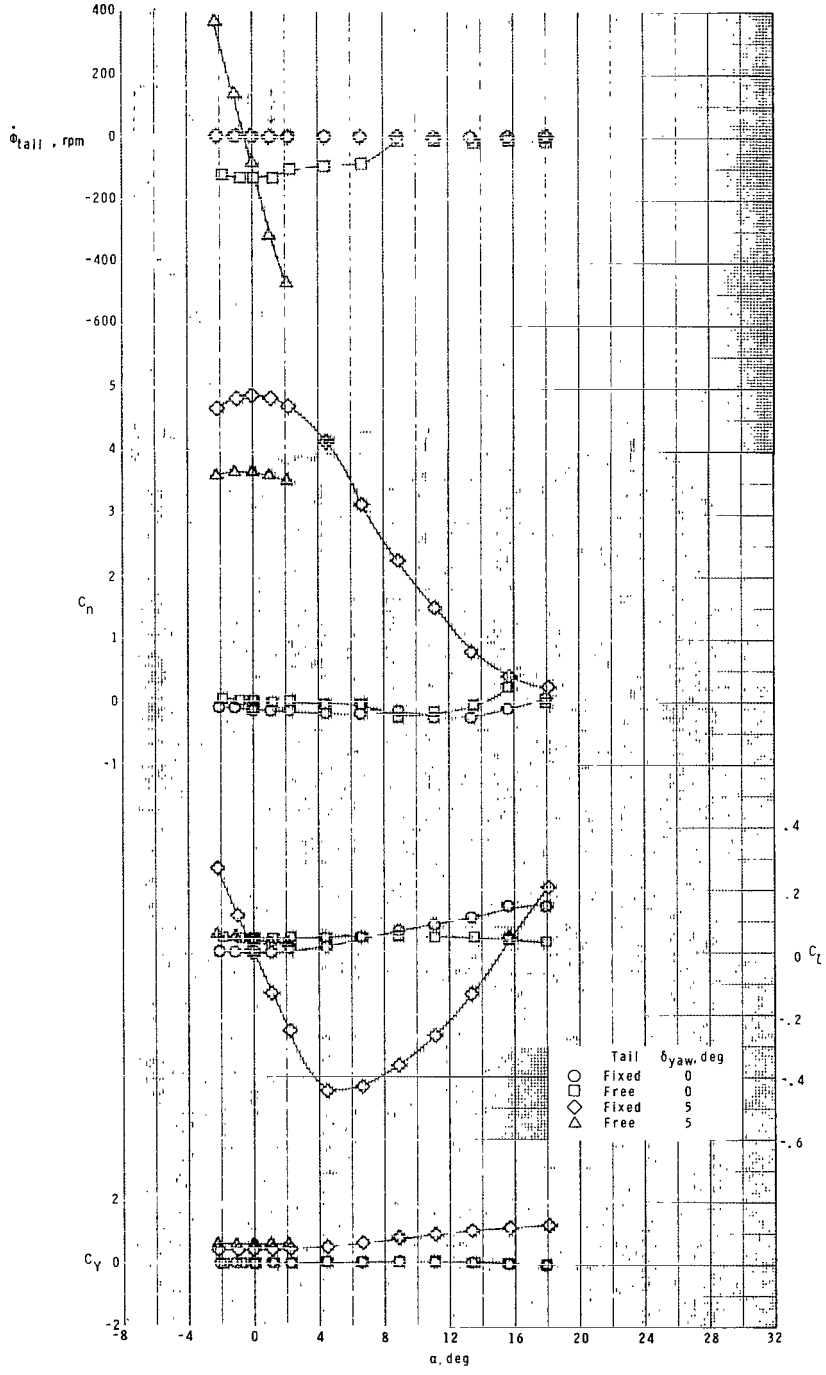


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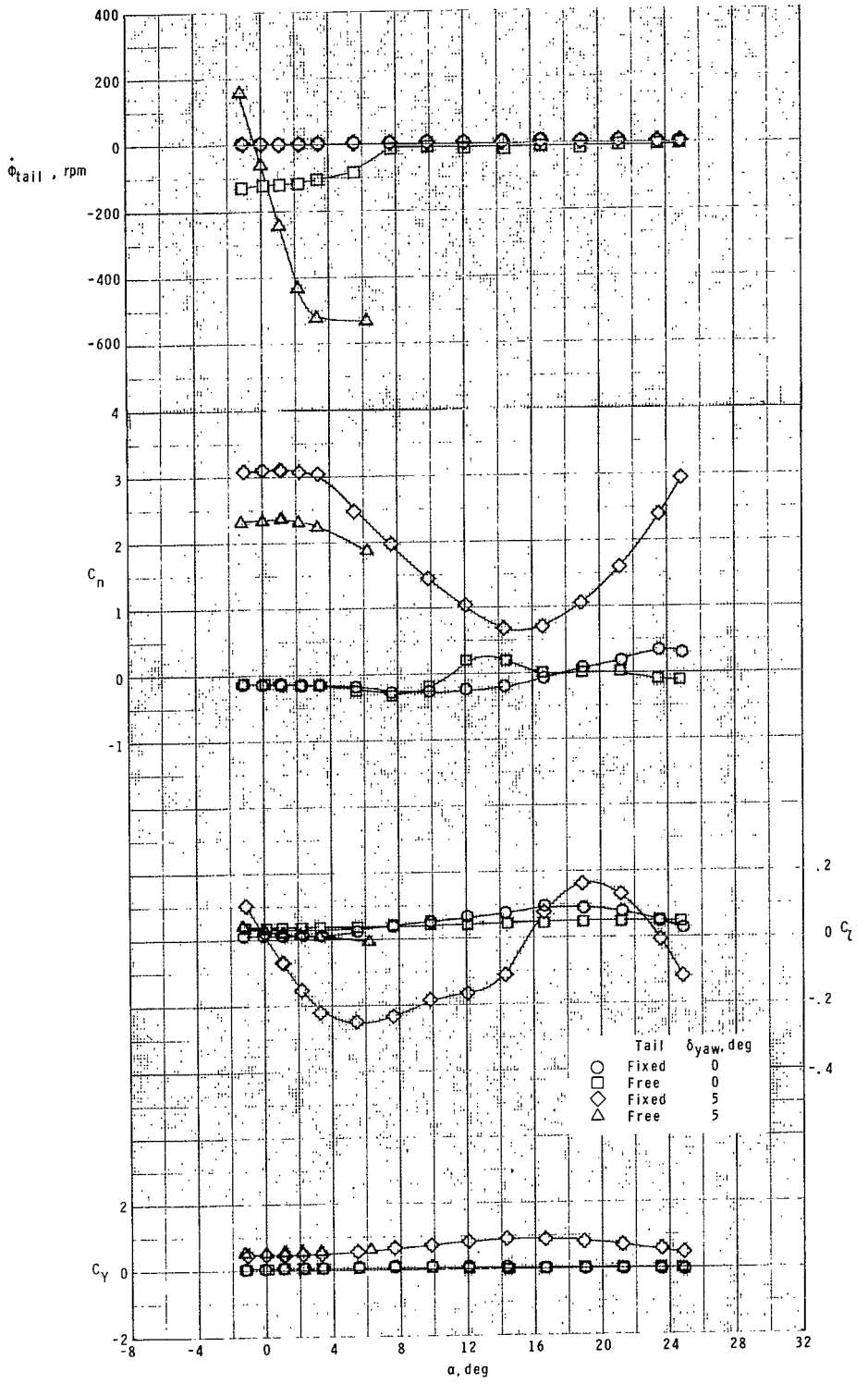


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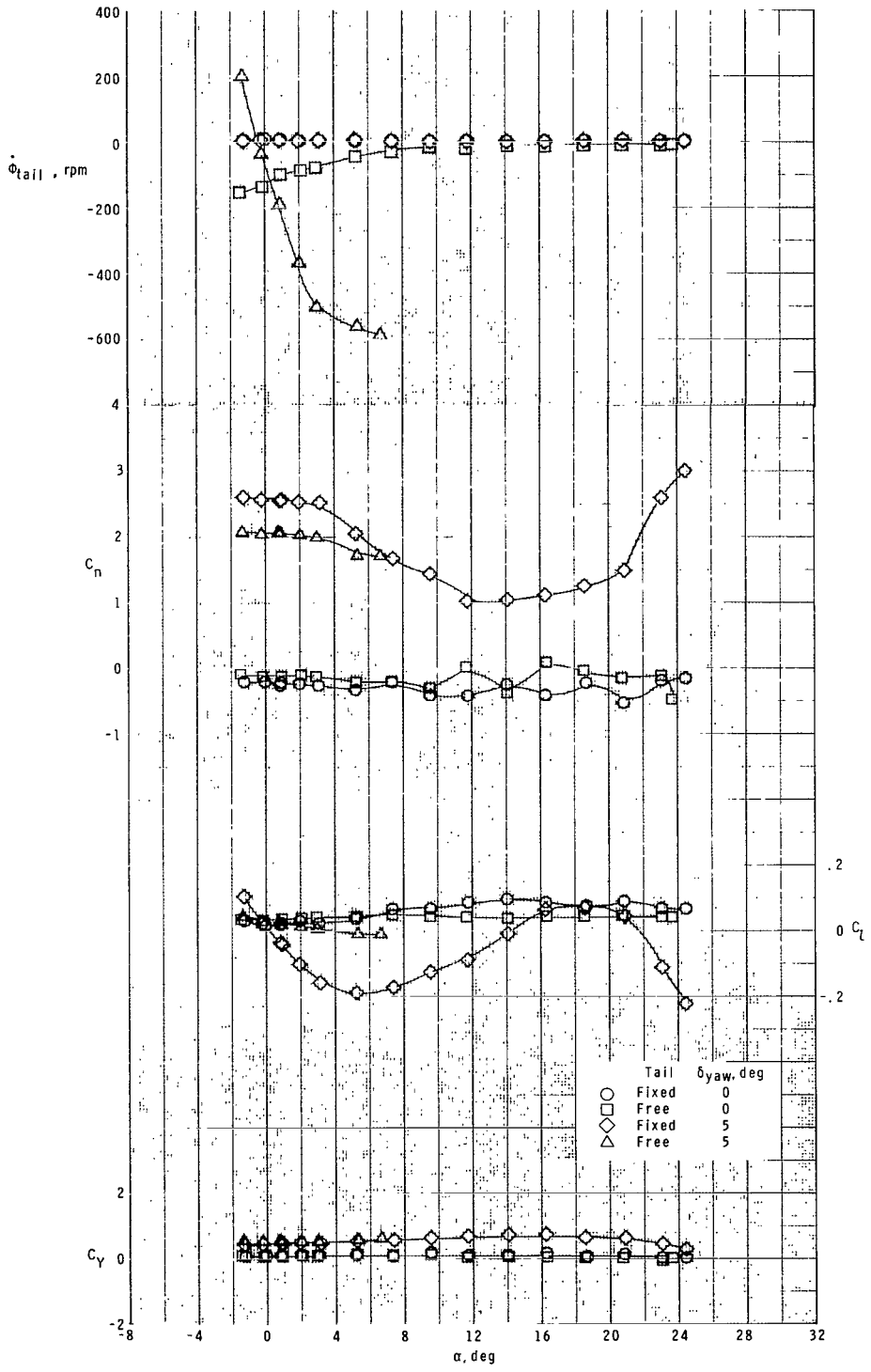


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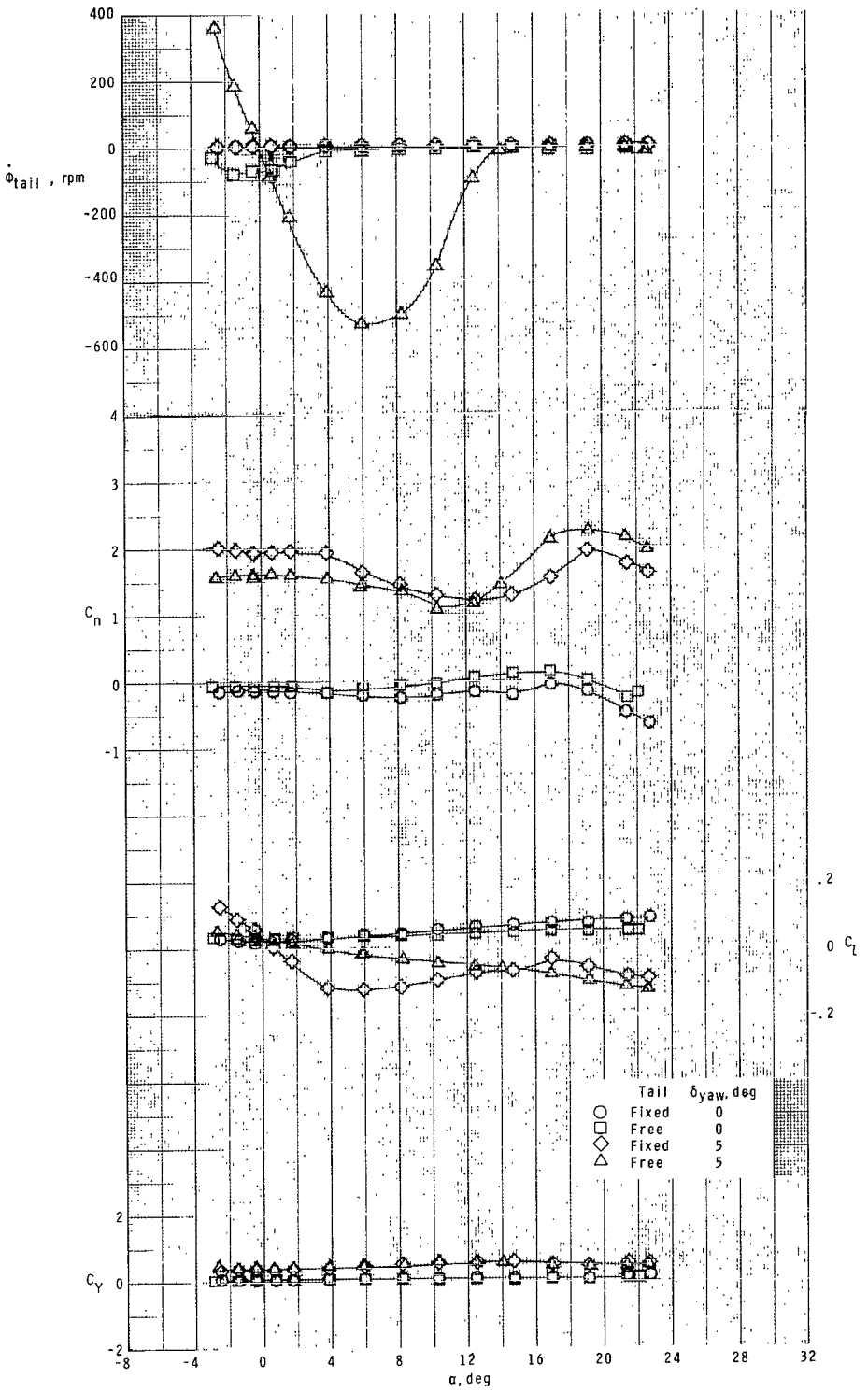


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16. Abstract

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